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A Victims' Long Wait for Justice

Court Trials, Time Trials, and. . .

by **P.J. Dunker**

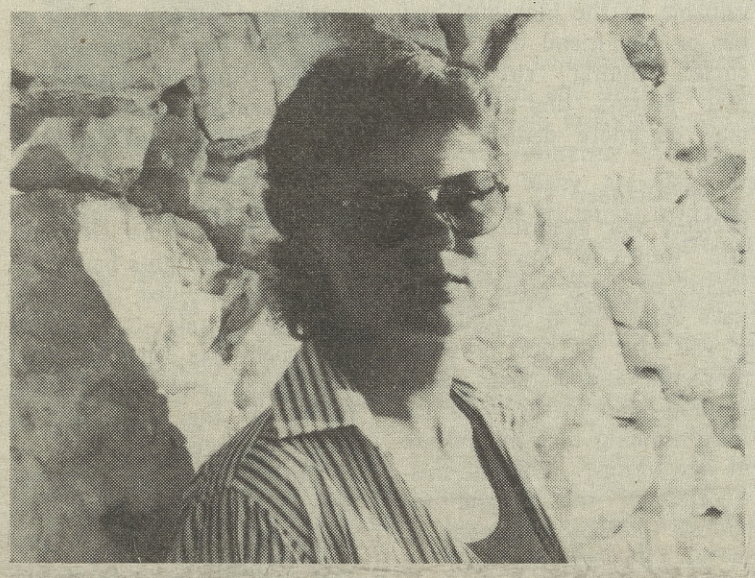
Vicki Vaughan has been treading down a long, frequently dark and lonely hallway, in pursuit of some kind of justice for a hate crime committed against her body, her mind, her spirit.

On May 11, 1990, Vicki finally saw that glimmer of balancing scales. She went to court, a preliminary hearing, on a felony assault charge filed against David Cleveland. David Cleveland pled "No Contest". His sentencing will take place in two or three weeks.

Vicki's journey began over a year earlier on April 22, 1989, when David Cleveland assaulted Vicki in the parking lot just outside of Joseph's Town and Country where Vicki was employed as a licensed security guard.

Ironically, she was protecting some patrons whom she had been escorting from the premises for improper conduct. What she didn't know as they exited the bar was that a hate crime was waiting to happen just outside. It took only seconds for her to realize something was amiss, however. Outside, two men were waiting for patrons to leave so they could "fuck up some faggots and dykes". Even more ironically, two of the threatened patrons were in fact straight men.

Reflexively, Vicki and her associate, Sue Briggs, also a licensed security guard employed by JTC, herded all the patrons back inside the bar. Sue blocked the doorway.



Persistance brings justice to Vicki Vaughn.

Vicki went to investigate. David Cleveland was announcing his intentions when Vicki approached him. She identified herself as security and requested that he leave. David Cleveland then palmed Vicki so brusquely in the face that he broke her nose. At this point, Sue, and a third security person, Julie Miller, came to

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Alpha Interferon Provides New Hope

by **Arturo Jackson III**

Reports of the drug, alpha interferon and its ability to effectively restore healthy immune function to those afflicted with AIDS has generated worldwide attention.

The director of the Kenya Medical Research Institute, Davy K. Koech, reported at a symposium in Japan in late March, "of 101 patients in advance stages of AIDS, 99 were free of all symptoms after eight weeks of low-dose, orally administered - but not swallowed - alpha interferon."

Alpha interferon was administered to the clinical trial participants in a wafer that was chewed for a few minutes allowing for absorption of the drug. Dr. Koech has stated that within days, various AIDS-related symptoms became less severe and patients reported a return of appetite and disappearance of such symptoms as fatigue, fever, mouth sores, fungal infections, diarrhea and swollen lymph nodes. The researchers believe that alpha interferon absorbed in minute amounts by certain mouth and throat cells may stimulate the immune system

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Democrats Battle It Out Til June 5th

by **Jim Sechelski**

The race for governor of California will be narrowed in early June as voters make their selection between the two Democratic candidates.

The race has already produced several surprises, not least of which is that it is a race.

Also surprising in this day of pre-packaged, made-to-mainstream political candidates is that this race features distinct choices for the voters. Dianne Feinstein, former mayor of San Francisco, and John Van De Kamp, California State Attorney General, have expressed differing views on many popular issues.

Both have also courted the gay and lesbian vote, touting their records on the issues of gay and lesbian civil rights, AIDS and HIV management, job and housing discrimination, and hate crimes legislation.

This campaign has also been notable for its early

Rink Foto

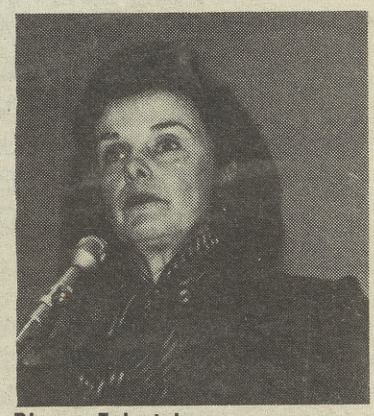
John Van de Kamp.

campaign have lately called into question those strategies, however, and admit to being blindsided by the sudden success Feinstein enjoys. Thus, we saw the negative television ads which provoked a lawsuit from the San Francisco newspaper whose stories were quoted in the ads. Though the suit was dismissed, many analysts believed there was a media blitz, and the negative turn it took almost immediately.

Van De Kamp was supposed to be the odds-on favorite: he's male, he's from Southern California, and he currently holds a statewide office, a convenient platform for quick, broad name recognition in an area Californian's feel strong about: crime.

Feinstein's reputation as the liberal mayor of "Baghdad by the Bay," and her status as a relative unknown in vote-rich Southern California placed her as the underdog. She made two tactical moves early: she took up a second residence in Los Angeles from which she could establish a large, local presence, and she hit the airwaves early with ads that cast her as a leader forged by crisis.

Aides to the Van De Kamp



Dianne Feinstein.

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Pride in Diversity

Lately there has been a great deal of negative interaction within the gay and lesbian community. It's time that we adjourn from this agenda and move on to what our original purpose is. To be respected, admired, and understood by other cultures that make up society as a whole. This in-house fighting, so-to-speak, does not express this message, and wears down the energy we need for the work yet to be done.

On June 16, at the Lambda Freedom Fair, we have the opportunity to show off our diversity, not only to the straight community, but also to ourselves. This is the day that many gay, lesbian and straight community members actually experience our differences, but for some it is the first time the feeling of being proud to be gay is felt. Pride in our achievements, pride in the many services and support organizations that are truly here in Sacramento. We have much to be proud of. Each year the Lambda Fair has grown. Last year there was an attendance of approximately 5,000 people. This year there is an expected crowd of 6,000, and the booth reservations have tripled. I encourage each of you who may not go to the bars, participate in gay organizations, or even be political, to come out and taste a sense of what it means to be who we are: prideful, compassionate, and strong.

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Coming Out Step by Step

Editor,

'Outing' is a delicious temptation that we should, perhaps, avoid. We at National Coming Out Day encourage all gay and lesbian people to take their next step in coming out, whatever that may be. The process of coming out, and it is a process, is extraordinarily valuable to the individual and his or her friend and family circle. 'Outing' circumvents that process and therefore may do more damage than good.

On October 11, 1987 we declared war against omission and went to our nation's capitol as many other groups have done. As a community, it was one of our proudest moments, and, in fact, was a turning point in the battle for AIDS funding and the release of new drugs. (Do not misunderstand; the Federal response to AIDS continues tc be too little, way too late.)

The price we pay for hiding is enormous. AIDS, for example would not have been virtually neglected for years had our country known who we really were. Irreplaceable talents have been, and continue to be, lost to a world that may never recognize the difference.

Equality will come when we, each of us individually, stand up and come out of hiding. Our full participation in society is critical to our safety and our well-being. We have virtually nothing to lose by telling the truth and everything to lose by lying.

Sincerely,
Lynn D. Shepodd
Executive Director
National Coming Out Day

An Argument Against Outing

Editor,

Outing. Nice word. Sounds like we're going for a ride in the country. Instead, it's a direct ride to the very world we say we are fighting against: a world wherein other people have the right to force us to live our lives the way they think we should, rather than the way we think we should.

Outing: forcing a gay person, particularly a famous one, out of the closet. It's an ugly concept with ugly implications.

Our greatest rights are freedom of speech and privacy. To a large extent, all of our other rights derive from these two: the freedom to speak out and the freedom to be left alone.

Gays have always been discriminated against. But recently we have made a lot of progress towards diminishing this discrimination. The reason that we have made as much progress as we have is that we have the right to speak out, and the right to be left alone. Both of these rights have been seriously infringed, it's true. But the whole Gay Rights movement has been an effort to maintain and expand these rights, so that they are no longer infringed.

Outing, however, has exactly the opposite effect. It diminishes our right to privacy. Condoning outing means condoning having someone other than you make and enforce decisions about your life. The fact that it is another Gay, rather than the "Moral Majority" does not alter the fact that it takes away your authority to live your own life. It infringes your right to be left alone (privacy) and your right to make your own decisions (to choose).

We have made the strongest possible defense of our right to privacy in response to various AIDS testing proposals. The gay community has argued that even in this grave medical crisis, the State does not have the right to violate our privacy. How, then, can any of us argue that it is OK for a private individual to publicly expose a gay person, just because the exposer thinks it would serve some political purpose?

The exposer has freedom of speech, and can exercise it to great lengths to try to convince someone to come out. But as soon as the exposer tries to force someone to come out, s/he is violating that person's rights to privacy and to choice.

The exposer sacrifices the rights of others, without their consent, based only on his or her own unilateral desicion.

I maintain that it is not OK, and that we must fight against "outing" just as vigorously as we fight against any other infringement of our rights. If we, as members of the gay community, do not respect one another's rights to privacy and freedom of choice, who will?

Kelly O'Neil

Oust the Closet Case Politicians

Editor,

Regarding the issue of 'Outing' closeted gays and lesbians in public positions of visibility and influence.

If a (closeted) individual in question is a (closeted) politician, their votes and opinions on a number of issues may impact the lives of thousands of our brothers and sisters and affect the gains made in the Gay/Lesbian rights movement. At this point in the AIDS epidemic, over 79,000 men, women and children have died from AIDS, the majority being gay men.

It is no excuse in 1990 for a (closet) politician to vote against AIDS agenda items in the fear of "what others might think". It is inexcusable for a gay man or lesbian to publicly denounce homosexuality for the fear of reprisals for announcing their true self. There are more important things in life than the amount of one's 'annual salary'.

If a (closeted) person publicly defies being gay or a (closeted) politician votes against AIDS protections and increased funding proposals, then I say oust the bastards!

Sincerely,
Carlos Santiago
ACT UP/Sacramento

LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

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AROUND TOWN

NAMES Project Quilt Display is a "Magic Place"

by **Stacy Selmants**

As I roamed around the convention hall sniffling, reading the panels, there was one name I was hoping not to find.

It has been many years since I have heard from my friend Scott, the boy I first loved when I was 16. Scott broke my heart when he explained that he was gay. But I got over it and later fell in love with his sister. He travelled from job to job, and life to life, during the late 70's, but he always checked in from distant cities, with forwarding addresses. The last time I heard from him was in 1983, in L.A. and he was still full of dreams. But he was scared because he had been ill and had recovered from a "kind of weird flu/pneumonia." He promised to call again. I called

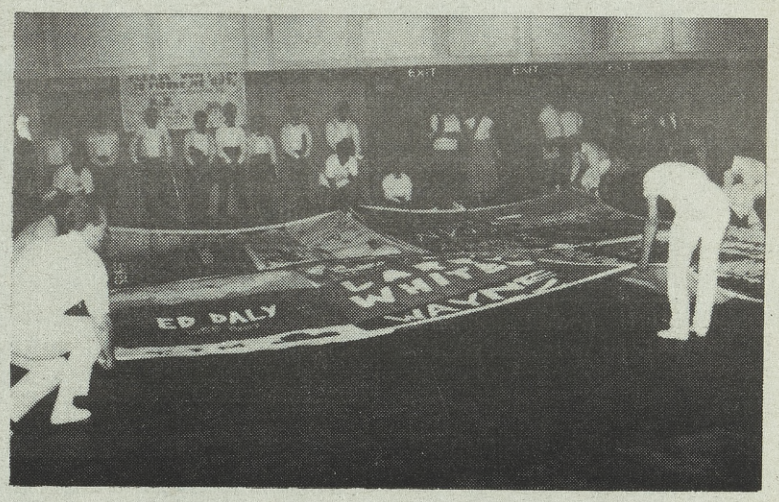
Mayor Rudin and Chris Chilton.

a few months later and the phone was disconnected. Months and then years passed and I was afraid to call his parents, for fear of the what they would tell me.

It is seven years later, and my friend Tim and I are eating lunch before we see the Quilt at the Convention Center. I look up and am surprised to see an old friend of Scott's from across the room. He stops by, and we make awkward conversation. I am shocked by his appearance: wan, thin, haggard, and only a shell of the pretty boy he was even five years ago. I know better than to ask how he is--he knows I know that he is sick. and I do not ask, "have you heard from Scott?" because, again, I am afraid of the answer.

The convention center is subdued, and there are fifty or so people walking slowly and often reverently through the aisles. Many are gay, many seem to be family members of PWA's. Volunteer attendants circle around, hugging people, and distributing tissues for the snifflers. The music being piped in is soothing and wavelike, and has a calming effect. There are so many panels, and some are sweetly sentimental; some angry; some hurt; some hilarious. Many panels are simple, and only bear the person's name. A sampling of my favorites:

* "Dear Normal: Your Cat Finally Got Your Bird."



Volunteers unfold the display during the opening ceremonies at the Sacramento Convention Center April 28.

* Act Up's quilt: " Terry Sutton--He Hated This Quilt and So Do We! Silence = Death."
* "Allen- 1963-1988. Life was a short hard journey. Rest Peacefully."
* "Dear Ralph: I miss you...your sunny smile, the

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Hyatt Protest Intrigues "48 Hours"

by **Nancy Butchy**

The community forum to address the protest of the Traditional Values Coalition, March 13, occurred May 6th at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

The coalition participating included ACT UP San Francisco and Sacramento, BACAOR, SACAOR, and the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee.

The whole idea was to give the Sacramento gay and lesbian community an opportunity to voice their concerns, fears, or support regarding the disruption of the TVC meeting.

Despite promotion for the forum, there was a very poor community showing.

Highlighting this discussion was the CBS Thursday night program "48 Hours" which flew from New York to film this forum. Per Betty Arnold of the news program, "we're interested in gay rights versus anti-gay rights. 48 Hours had done 7 stories around the country and 3 in California regarding this issue. This needs more than an hour but we have an hour". Tentative airing for the program is 4 to 5 weeks.

Vern Nuanez, representative of the Coalition explained that the Lou Sheldon meeting at the Hyatt Regency was a closed meeting only for legislators and ministers. Sheldon's topic was to plan legislative and political strategy to progress his anti-gay agenda. Per Nuanez, "Sheldon has pledged war on

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Activists at the Hyatt shouted support for those arrested.

Looking to the Future for the Lambda Freedom Fair

by **Andy Melton**

The Lambda Freedom Fair will start off this year on May 20th with a dinner at the Blue Iris restaurant.

The menu will consist of both gourmet vegetarian and fish dishes. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased for $20 single, or $35 per couple before the event and at the door. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9 p.m. and will consist of an appetizer, entree, soup, salad, dessert and a beverage. The Blue Iris is located at 10118 Fair Oaks Boulevard in Fair Oaks Village and reservations are recommended. Reservations can be made by calling (916) 961-7675. Tickets can be purchased at the Lambda Community Center and Faces.

After the dinner there is an AIDS Candlelight Vigil taking place at 8:30 p.m. The vigil will be held on the Capitol steps.

On June 9th, P.A.A.R.C. (Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities) will be performing the third annual AIDS benefit in the form of a musical variety show called "Times". P.A.A.R.C. will be performing "Times" at 7 p.m. at 2791 24th St. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a no host bar stocked with beer and wine between 6 and 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 advance and at the door. Tickets are on sale at Lioness Books, The Gifted Gardener, the Sacramento Community Theatre Box Office and the Lambda Community Center.

On Thursday, June 14th, Romanovsky and Phillips, professional gay performing comedy duo will be performing at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of 21st and J Streets. Tickets are $10 in advance and $13 at the door. Tickets are available at the Lambda Community Center, Lioness Books and at Chocolate Ripple.

The fair will take place on June 16 at McKinley Park between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. It will begin with a Fun Run beginning in front of the Clunie Clubhouse at 8 p.m. There is no entry fee.

There will also be a Fun

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Reapportionment: Do We Really Have a Choice?

by **Brenda J. Robinson**
Policy Analyst for CA Common Cause

Enacting governmental reform is sort of like buying a house. Not just any house will do. The informed consumer must know how to select a home that is structurally sound and that fits the needs of the individual.

Just as a prospective home buyer must carefully inspect the building and property for hidden flaws, voters on June 5th must cast a critical eye towards the two reapportionment initiatives on the ballot, propositions 118 and 119. We believe the wary voter will decide that both of these so called reapportionment reforms make for bad investments.

First, let's look at the present system. Every 10 years after the decennial census, legislators re-draw the lines of the state's electoral districts. This is called reapportionment. Ideally, reapportionment plans would allow for competition among candidates and foster fair representation of the people of this state.

When legislators draw these lines in such a way as to ensure re-election for a particular candidate or party, it is called gerrymandering, and gerrymandering has the effect of eliminating competition from elections, leaving the voters without a choice of candidates. Elections become nothing more than a perfunctory exercise in democracy. This is what has happened in California. Now, let's look at what the two propositions would do to change the present system.

Proposition 118 is a pernicious reapportionment reform sugar coated with nearly empty

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Mr. Smith Comes to Sacramento

by **Kenneth Topper**

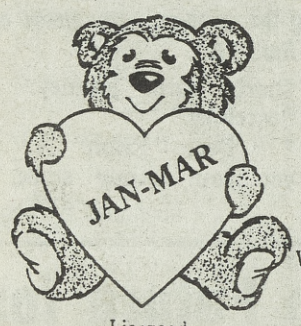
On Tuesday, May 8th, approximately 15 people attended a get together with Arlo Smith, candidate for California Attorney General.

Stan Hadden, the host of the event, introduced Mr. Smith. In his introduction Stan stated the importance and influence of the Attorney General's position. That it is in the best interest of the gay and lesbian community to have a friend in the Attorney General's seat. The written opinions from the AG's office carries a great deal of influence in our courts and the legislature.

During Mr. Smith's dialogue he stated several differences between him and his opponent, Ira Reiner from Los Angeles. Unlike Reiner he puts issues into motion not into media conferences. He stated that not only does he support issues concerning the diversity of the gay and lesbian community, but has made a concerted effort in showing this support by increasing the employment of lesbians and gays into the District Attorney's Office, of which he has nine openly lesbian and gay staff, but also in the policing forces and other city and county offices.

After his opening statements Mr. Smith entertained questions from those in attendance. The latest ISSUE posed several questions to Arlo. First we asked him on his position regarding an issue before the state legislature which will empower county health officers with the ability of introducing new steps to curtail the spread of IV Drug users. He answered, "I fully support the concept of a true needle exchange program. A needle for a needle. It is the best way to reach this at-risk population with preventative education and perhaps even counseling." Secondly, we inquired about the issue of drug enforcement, and if he felt that the answer to curbing drug abuse is penal enhancement or through rehabilitation? Mr. Smith went on to say, "Penal enhancement is not the answer. If a person is convicted for a drug related crime for the first time, that person should not be placed in a prison setting, but should be required to go through a rehabilitation program. In order to truly gain control of drug abuse in this state there needs to be effective education programs in the school system. And this should begin in the K thru 12 setting." Finally latest ISSUE asked the question of commitment. "If elected Attorney General you will inherit a very influential network. Would you commit to using that network supporting the concerns of gays and lesbians at the State level?" Mr. Smith answered with a strong, "Absolutely. As Attorney General I will bring together those networks to the state level to oppose or support legislation that may have an impact on the gay and lesbian community."

The election for Attorney General and other offices will take place on June 5th.



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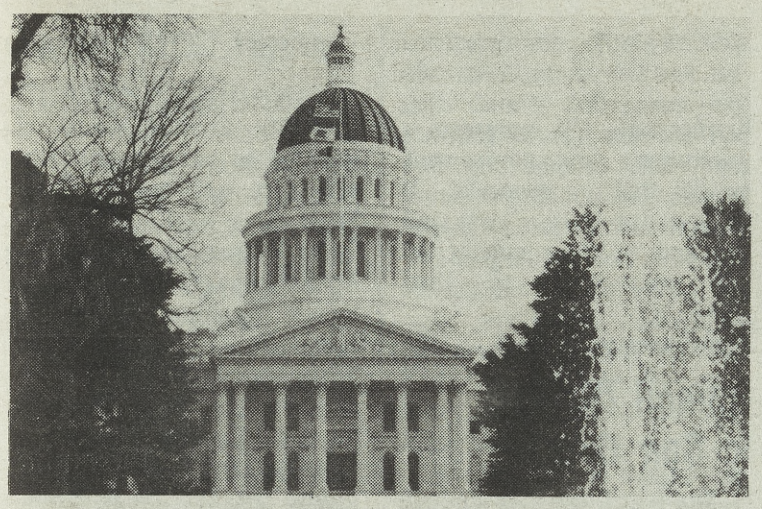
Sexual Orientation: A Legislative Word



by **Kenneth Topper**

Legislation is presently being discussed within the California State Legislature. Several bills contain language that specifically impacts the diversity of the lesbian and gay community. The following measures include the phrase "sexual orientation", a term most commonly used to describe gays and lesbians.

Senate Bill 2581, *authored by Senator McCorquodale,* refers to the statewide ballot pamphlet and specifies what may or may not be appropriate information within the candidate's statement. This measure articulates that a candidate's statement shall not make reference to any opponent, or contain any statement which does any of the following: Incites, promotes, or advocates hatred, abuse, violence, or hostility toward, or casts ridicule of shame upon, any person or group by reason of ethnicity, color, gender, sexual orientation, or manner of worship. This bill would create a fine of $10,000 placed on a candidate found guilty of this action.

Assembly Bill 239, *authored by Assembly Member Roybal-Allard,* refers to civil rights and the inclusion of gender to the list of discriminatory classification. This bill states a legislative intent that the sentencing and alternative punishment shall apply if the defendant is found guilty of committing a crime because of the victim's race, color, religion, nationality, country of origin, ancestry, gender, or sexual orientation. This measure also specifies special felony or misdemeanor penalties.

Assembly Bill 1581, *authored by Assembly Member Murray,* creates the California Commission on AIDS. It details the membership of this commission and requires the appointing powers to include adequate racial, ethnic, gender, religious, and sexual orientation representation on the commission.

Assembly Bill 1721, *authored by Assemblyman Friedman,* would prohibit life and disability insurers and health care service plans from discriminating, as to eligibility or rates, on the basis of sexual orientation. It would also prohibit these insurers and plans from considering sexual orientation in their underwriting criteria.

Assembly Bill 2711, *authored by Assembly Member Moore,* would prohibit various discriminatory practices on the part of life and disability insurers. It states that no disability insurer shall refuse to insure or cancel or decline to renew or reinstate any policy because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, or age of any contracting party.

Assembly Bill 3353, *authored by Assembly Member Moore,* would revise the responsibilities of human relations commissions by requiring the development of 3 anti-hate crime projects administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning. The bill defines the responsibilities to include the fostering of mutual respect, understanding, and equality of opportunity by engaging in research and education for the purposes of lessening and eliminating prejudice.

Assembly Bill 3993, *authored by Assembly Member Willie Brown,* would require the higher education system in California to create policies to correct the denigration of individuals or groups on the basis of ethnic origin, national origin, religious beliefs, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, or economic circumstance either in the classroom or campus settings. The policies shall include procedures and programs for preventing, reporting, monitoring, evaluating, and responding to acts of prejudice, hatred and violence, including rape.

If you wish to voice your opinion on any of these measures, call or write to the Member authoring the bill. To reach the Member's office by phone, call the information desk at (916) 322-9900 or send your letter to the author of the bill, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA. 95814.

New LIFE Director to be Hired

by **Keith Clark**

The next-to-last stage in the search for a new executive director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE AIDS Lobby) has been reached with the Sacramento-based group's executive committee's decision to recommend San Francisco activist Laurie McBride to the LIFE Lobby board of directors as the organization's director.

Don Disler, LIFE Lobby's Northern California co-chair said that the executive committee had decided to recommend McBride to the full board after an extensive search involving some 15 applicants, including several from outside California. The LIFE board of directors is scheduled to meet in Sacramento on May 20.

McBride, if confirmed by the board, will be the lobbying organization's second executive director, replacing Rand Martin who resigned at the beginning of April to become a consultant on the Assembly Public Safety's subcommittee on drug abuse. Martin had led the lobbying group's efforts since it began in June of 1986.

Disler said, "We believe that Laurie is an outstanding candidate to be executive director

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Size Queens: Beat This One

In Douglas County Georgia, officials forced Douglasville resident Joe Thompson to cut down a tree in his yard that he had carved to resemble a penis.

County building-code enforcement officer Helen Chambers said the tree's shape didn't violate any specific ordinances but was a nuisance. People had complained about it, she said.

"I went out and told him that it had to be cut down before the school bus came by the next day," Chambers said. "I went by the next day, and it was cut down. Of course, it's on the ground now."

Thompson couldn't be reached for comment, but his wife, Tracie, said she didn't know why Thompson wanted the tree to look like a penis. She said her husband is "a little bit" artistic.

The Advocate

Iran's Killing of Gays Confirmed

Amnesty International, the worldwide human rights organization, confirmed that at least three gay men and two lesbians were executed in January.

The five were convicted by Islamic courts of "perverse criminal behavior." Unconfirmed reports of beheading and stoning of gays were widely reported in the media earlier this year.

The Advocate

Kramer Backs Off from Call to Riot.

Larry Kramer, the man who founded ACT-UP in New York and who continues to be one of the most militant voices in the AIDS protest movement is backing off from his call for activists to start a riot at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco in June.

In a strongly worded statement that is being circulated by the gay press and ACT-UP chapters, Kramer wrote in all capital letters: "We have been lined up in front of a firing squad and it is called AIDS. We must riot! I'm calling for a fucking riot!...We must be there to let the world see that we are fucking furious!"

"This is clearly the sort of thing that distracts from the purpose of the conference," said Steve Tigerman, a conference coordinator. "It's not something I want to justify with a response."

"This conference is a joke," Kramer said. "It represents a government and government policies that are genocidal. If we just put on our suits and ties and sit there quietly, we are accomplices to their crimes."

San Francisco Sentinel

Human Dignity in San Diego

The San Diego City Council approved the Human Dignity Ordinance by an 8 - 1 vote on April 3rd. In announcing her support, Mayor O'Connor said, "I am a native San Diegan, and I feel very strongly that the citizens of San Diego will not tolerate discrimination of any kind against anyone."

Numerous representatives of ethnic, religious, womens and progressive organizations testified in support of the measure. The Human Dignity Ordinance bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in public and private employment, housing, public accommodations, and education.

The law would become effective thirty days after the second reading on April 16; however, if opponents of the ordinance are successful in getting the required number of 28,293 valid signatures during the thirty day period, the City Council would be required to either rescind the ordinance, or place it on the ballot.

Rev. Louis Sheldon of the Anaheim-based Traditional Values Coalition announced plans for a petition drive, being coordinated by a group calling themselves, "Citizens for Equal Rights."

A gay and lesbian political group, the San Diego Democratic Club has urged its members to help get the word out to all friends to NOT sign any petitions that are circulated during the 30-day signature gathering period.

Coors To Sponsor Gay Soap Opera

Coors Brewing Co. said it may sponsor Secret Passions, a gay soap opera that is being produced for nationwide distribution on cable television systems. For several years, Coors has tried to mend fences with gays who were offended by allegations of antigay personnel practices at the firm's brewery in Golden Colorado in the 1970's

The Advocate

Cruel and Unusual In Wisconsin?

Limestone County public defender Jim Moffatt objected to the creation of a special 200-pound steel courtroom seat for some people with AIDS who appear before the state circuit court there.

The seat, which resembles an electric chair, has restraints for the waist, legs, chest, and wrists. Circuit court officials said people with AIDS who cause or threaten to cause courtroom disturbances will be placed in the chair.

The chair was constructed at the request of a judge who complained about lax courtroom security after a detainee who had AIDS broke loose from guards and threatened to bite anyone who came near him.

Moffatt said the chair's sinister appearance would prevent defendants who use it from receiving fair hearings. "All a jury is going to see (sitting) in that chair is a rabid dog in a cage," he said.

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Sacto. MCC Hosts District Conference

River City M.C.C. will be hosting the Universal Fellowship's North West District Conference, Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20, at the Beverly Garland Hotel. Conference members will come from all over the northwest, including Alaska and Hawaii, many bringing their talented choirs with them for an inspirational choir festival Saturday evening.

There will be numerous workshops dealing with AIDS related matters, coming out, and child abuse. The public is welcome to register and attend these. On friday evening there will be a country western dance. The social and church services are open and free. There is a Respite Room, staffed by Sacramento's Medical Personnel Pool for those who need to take a break from the busy conference schedule.

Featured speakers are Rev. Elder Charlie Arehart, Pastor of MCC of the Rockies in Denver. Charlie has always been active in service organizations. He is an Eagle Scout with three palms, is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shrine, and Order of the Eastern Star. He served on the Colorado AIDS Project, PFLAG and the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, to mention a few. He will present the "State of the Fellowship" address Saturday morning. Rev. Elder Jerri Ann Harvey will address the Saturday evening worship service. She is currently the Fellowship's Evangelist-at-Large. Rev. Brent Hawkes is coming from MCC Toronto to facilitate the workshops on church growth.

Conference Schedules may be obtained at the Beverly Garland Conference Registration Desk and Information may be obtained by phoning River City MCC at 454-4762.

AIDS Task Force Report Revealed

On May 2, 1990, the AIDS Budget Task Force, Chaired by Assembly Member John Vasconcellos, revealed their report of state budget recommendations on the issue of AIDS. The AIDS Budget Task Force has consistently called for a fully funded prevention, education and treatment plan. This year with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Community HIV planning council and the San Francisco Mayor's HIV Task Force, more accurate data is available to define the needs.

The goal of such a plan is to provide a continuum of care, prevention, education, treatment, housing, mental health, psychosocial and nutritional services, acute and subacute care.

For the 1990-91 budget year with 9,000 HIV related cases, an increase of 2,000 from FYI 89-90, Governor Deukmejian proposes that we spend $44 million, a decrease of $8 million from last year.

To obtain a copy of this report call the AIDS Budget Task Force at (916) 445-4253.

Sizzlin' Summer Concerts Begin June 23

The Sacramento Bee, in cooperation with Sacramento City Parks and Community Services, the Oak Park Business Association and the Women's Civic Improvement Center, will present the fourth annual Sizzlin' Summer Sounds concert series in McClatchy Park (33rd Street and 5th Avenue). The free Saturday summer concerts will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We're pleased that the concert series has grown in popularity, while continuing to provide a positive social and cultural mix," said Ezell Cox, Community Relations Manager for The Sacramento Bee. Last year's series drew nearly 20,000 visitors to McClatchy Park.

The first concert will be held June 23, starring Carmen McCrae. On July 21, Andy Narell and Dave Valentine will be featured. Big Band music can be heard August 18, by Toshiko Akiyoshi and Lew Tabackin and the final concert, on September 8, will present contemporary pop music by Marlena Shaw and Jules Broussard.

All concerts will feature local musicians in addition to the headline performers. Access Sacramento will broadcast the series on Cable TV Channel 47, beginning July 6 and continuing weekly on Friday nights (9:00 - 10 p.m.) through the end of the series.

Speakers' Bureau Invites You

A second planning meeting to expand and revitalize the Gay and Lesbian Speakers' Bureau will be held at the Lambda Center on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. to continue to discuss both the focus of the group and training methodologies that need to be implemented, in order to provide a broad coalition of speakers on lesbians and gay issues. Jointly sponsored by the Lambda Town Council and the River City Democratic Club, the Bureau is envisioned to carry on the goals of the existing Speakers Bureau, while attempting to expand its reach into the gay and lesbian community.

The identified goals of the group have been expressed, and are:

1) To identify and train speakers to address the concerns of gays and lesbians in public forums and classrooms;
2) To foster greater understanding between communities;
3) To provide more sensitivity training to law enforcement personnel, and improve relationships between law enforcement personnel and the gay and lesbian community;
4) To disseminate information about the Lambda Center in both communities and;
5) To promote understanding of male/female dynamics within the community.

Interested individuals can obtain additional information by calling Judy Ludwick at 429-2806 or Marghe Covino at 371-3848.

HIV From A to Z Publication Party

A Publication Party and Art Auction in honor of Sacramento AIDS Foundation's newest publication, *HIV From A To Z (A Self Care Manual)*, will be held at the Michael Himovitz Gallery, Thursday, May 31, 1990. An admission of $10 will be requested at the door. The evening will include an Art and Book preview with wine and hors d' oeuvres, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The book will be available for purchases. A donation of $12 will be requested.

Proceeds will benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Call SAF at (916) 448-2437.

Lambda Auditions

The Lambda Players of Sacramento will be holding auditions for Louisa May Incest by Carolyn Gage and Souvenirs by Julia Willis. Roles for four women are available. Auditions will be May 22, 7 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Sacramento. Callbacks, by invitation, will be May 23. Performance dates will be July 7 through July 22. For more information or to view scripts, call the Lambda Center at (916) 442-0185.

Channel 10's Pulse Covers NAMES Quilt

The "Pulse" broadcast of Sacramento's channel 10, will be featuring a program focusing on AIDS and the NAMES Project Quilt.

The filming for the program was primarily shot at the NAMES Project display at the Sacramento Community Center on April 28.

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Gay Rights, Politics and the Changing Family

by **Celeste Brown**

On March 21, 1987, the State of California held hearings on "The Changing Family to the Year 2000: Planning for Our Children's Future".

It took almost three years for the Task Force Report to be published, but its' potential impact and worth towards helping the family are profound. For example, the Task Force found that the traditional "ideal" family, i.e. breadwinner father, homemaker mom, and 2.5 children, rarely exists today. In the last 30 years, the recognized changes which have occurred in the California family are as follows:

1) Fewer than 1 in 10 families today live within the traditional family model;

2) Of those families with children, fewer than 1/3 have a father who works full-time and a mother at home;

3) Both parents are usually working full-time because of the increasing cost of living and shrinking earning power;

4) There has been a dramatic increase in families where single parents have sole financial and parenting responsibilities for their children;

5) And in spite of a few exceptions, the policies of government, schools, places of employment and local communities haven't caught up with the social and economical influences shaping today's family.

These elements are just a few of the many which have clearly marked a departure from the traditional ideals of the family unit and in addition to these elements, the Task Force defined five major areas on which society depends upon the family no matter what the structure is:

1) Maintaining the physical health and safety of family members by providing shelter, clothes, food, health care and economic support;

2) To provide healthy conditions for emotional growth, motivation, and self-esteem within the realm of love and security;

3) Helping to shape a belief system through which goals and values are developed and to encourage a sense of shared responsibility for family and community;

4) Teaching social skills and critical thinking as well as to encourage life-long education, to assist in dealing with other cultures and society as a whole;

5) And lastly, providing a place for recreation and recuperation from external pressures.

The Joint Select Task Force defined the family as a group of people who "may or may not be related by blood or marriage, yet have made the commitment to support one another emotionally and economically for each others' well being". The Task Force recommendations included that consideration be given to all committed couples, "Whether opposite sex or same sex" who have chosen to enter into a long-term domestic partnerships inside and outside of marriage.

Because of the domestic partnership study and recommendations, along with other issues such as sex education, child-care, and the various types of family structures included in the Task Force Report, several conservative Republicans, with the leadership of Assemblyman Tim Leslie, produced the Republican Family Task Force report, based on hearings held in California, in September of 1988.

The Republican Task Force Report is controversial in it's own right, as it addresses and recommends a conservative stance on subjects ranging from family to sex education.

While the Republican Task Force Report addresses family issues, in general, it does not seem to focus on the socio-economical forces which pull at the stability of the family. The report addresses this area with the following:

"The Family wage is important. A father must be able to earn enough to support his family without the need for his wife to work. Because this is no longer true, women are abandoning their children for the work force. We need to make this politically and socially acceptable again." (p. 136...Republican Task Force Report)

The most fundamental difference between the two Task Force reports are their respective directions. While the Republican Task Force report focuses on what government should not do by eliminating certain programs and procedures, the Joint Task Force Report maintains that the structure of the family has so drastically changed in the last 30 years, that it is imperative for the government as well as other institutions, to reform traditional thinking if it is to keep up with the changes, especially if California is to maintain an edge economically and socially into the next century.

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S.F. Preps for AIDS Conference

by **Keith Clark**

With the release April 25 of the planned program for the Sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco, it is becoming increasingly clear that the Bush Administration's April 13 decision to suspend the visitors' waiver requirement for the conference has undercut much of the international move to boycott the prestigious conference.

Scheduled for June 20-24, the conference will now - largely because of the administration's change on the waiver requirement - probably have some 10,000 people attending, including Dr. Luc Montagnier, the Pasteur Institute virologist generally credited with isolating the virus believed to cause AIDS. Montagnier, like hundreds of other leading researchers studying the disease, had planned to boycott the conference. But he recently announced that the change in U.S. immigration policy "allows me to continue my support" of the conference.

Larry Kramer, one of the founders of ACT UP, published "A Call to Riot" recently in which the outspoken playwright said, "We must riot in San Francisco!" Kramer, will address the conference during what many expect will include some stormy sessions.

Ken McPherson, co-chair of Mobilization Against AIDS said, "Everyone was worried about (Larry) Kramer's call for a riot for weeks. Then we go over it. There was nothing we could do about what might or might not happen except prepare as best we could to make sure that the June 23 HIV/AIDS March was a non-violent show of unity about the epidemic. We could have worried ourselves into a state of paralysis over what might or might not happen, but what would be the point?"

Safe Sex Posters Target Younger Gays

by **Keith Clark**

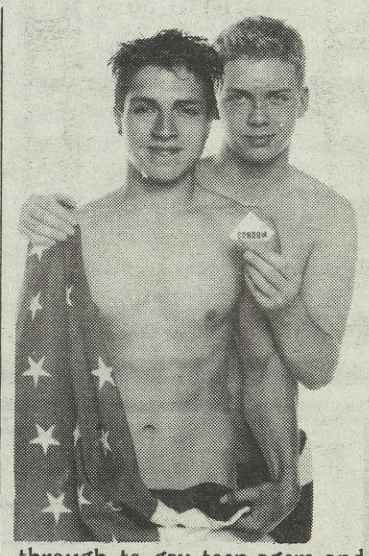
In response to growing evidence that young gay men in San Francisco are increasingly engaging in unsafe sex, the S.F. AIDS Foundation have launched a daring advertising campaign aimed at bringing the safe-sex message to gays in their late teens and early twenties.

The campaign, which began May 2 with large posters that are appearing at bus shelters throughout the City, shows two young men, naked from the waist up and draped in an American flag. One young man holds a condom in his hand and a quote from the Declaration of Independence runs along the side and top of the photo: "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The message behind the campaign, S. F. AIDS Foundation representatives say, is that condoms and safe sex "are as American as the flag and apple pie." Well, maybe not apple pie.

But the posters, with the two handsome young men, are definitely provocative, gay-positive and sex-positive. What they also have to be, public health experts agree, is effective in convincing younger gays to change their sexual habits.

Discussion groups conducted recently by the two sponsors of the posters indicated to them that previous public education efforts, which have been so effective in changing the sexual behavior of bar-age gay men in their mid- to late-twenties and thirties, were not getting



through to gay teen-agers and men in their early twenties.

Further evidence of a major problem among the nation's teens was revealed earlier in April when the U. S. Army reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association that HIV infection was discovered in 1 out of every 2,000 teen-agers trying to sign up. Locally, the most recent San Francisco Public Health Department series of annual surveys released in March showed that while the number of men practicing safe sex overall in the City continued to increase, younger gay men here, for the first time since the surveys began in 1984, appeared to be increasingly engaging in unprotected anal sex.

The poster campaign is being funded by a $10,000 grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation of N.Y.

Women's Weekend: You Are There

by **Stacy Selmants**

It's hard to be truly anonymous after being publicly douched and asked to parade your breasts before thousands of horny lesbians, in the true tradition of Women's Weekend.

Yes, it's true. I was a semi-finalist in Fife's Wet T Shirt contest, by shamelessly working the crowd, and pandering to their lovely smutty inclinations. I also relied on the fact that many of them had beer for breakfast, and by late afternoon, even my 33 year old B cups elicited a kind of warped, friendly enthusiasm. My instincts often take me into the world of Commando Reporting, where the experience is part of the story, and the T Shirt contest seemed to be a great "news peg". Little did I know that I would become enshrined in some sort of twisted Boob Hall of Fame, destined to spend the rest of the weekend being accosted by dozens of charming, sexy women, who just wanted to thank me "for sharing." What can I say? Journalism isn't pretty.

You Are There

Friday afternoon, we throw Nick (our canine companion), lots of shorts and a few kilos of hair care products into the back of the Probe, and aim the sucker at Guerneville, at warp speed. Kat, the self-proclaimed "princess," is hungry, has a sinus headache and her dog is slobbering into my neck as I drive. It is 100 degrees in Sacramento and I hope to God that it's cooler in Sonoma and that we can find a dental dam big enough to keep Nick's tongue in his mouth for the trip home.

We hit the Guerneville Safeway at about 5 p.m. and begin laughing the minute we enter, as we notice that at least half the patrons seem to be overt PLU's (People Like Us). Women are brushing against one another's thighs in the meat department, are

A wet Stacy Selmants.

softly fondling produce, and there's some serious action in the artic region of the frozen foods section, where all the nipples are saluting the sky. We know that this scene is only an appetizer; the real smorgasboard begins later.

Happy Hour Lasts All Weekend

On the patio at Fife's at 7, women are already beginning to wet their lips and whimper, due to the unending parade of shiny, available babes. There are women of all ages, shapes, colors and styles. With a few

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in some unknown way. Dr. Koech stated, "by the eight week of drug therapy, all the symptoms were alleviated in all the patients."

A scientific paper reporting the data involving forty of the trial subjects will be published in the American Journal, Molecular Biotherapy in June. The T cell counts on average among the forty men and women rose by 557 cells with the gains dependent on their initial counts at the start of the study. The data highlights the dramatic resulting rise in T cell counts over subsequent weeks of study.

Alpha Interferon, administered intravenously, is approved in the United States for use in the treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma, genital warts and a rare form of leukemia. Dr. Joseph M. Cummins, director of the Amarillo Cell Culture Company, Inc. in Texas, the first supplier of oral alpha interferon to Dr. Koech has stated that experiments with diseases other than AIDS supports the findings in the Kenya study.

Dr. Cummins reported that he has tested interferon "every which way" in animals and found the most consistent benefit resulted when the drug was placed in the animal's mouth. The results support the researcher's contention that the drug demonstrates an ability to alleviate many different symptoms associated with AIDS by initiating improvement in overall immune system function in person's diagnosed with AIDS.

The People With AIDS Health Alliance in Ft.Lauderdale, Florida began monitoring 60 patients last month and Lenny Kaplan, chairman reports "preliminary data documented in the first three weeks of our study highlights similarities with the Kenya study."

The headline "The Cure? Too Good To Be True?," highlights concerns raised by physicians upon hearing the study results. Dr. Anthony Fauci, of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, called Koech's report "astounding and very difficult to believe," but said, "you have to keep an open mind."

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homosexuals". Sheldon will go to any length to further his nazi-like bigotry on homosexuals, lesbians, people with AIDS, women in general and any minority. The forum made clear that Lou Sheldon is dramatizing people's fears and like McCarthyism, is using societal fears to further prejudice and bigotry." Nuanez, Peggy Sue of ACT UP San Francisco and others of the coalition are of the opinion that "we cannot wait 5 or 10 years to stop the dangers that the Sheldon's of the world are creating for minorities".

ACT UP holds with a non-violent stand but are willing to do what it takes to stop and desist those that discriminate against gays and lesbians. Nuanez also reported that ACT UP San Francisco, Sacramento, Contra Costa, East Bay, BACOAR, SACOAR, John Brown Anti-Klan Committee and GALPAC were all involved in the disruption of Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition meeting.

The disruption was very successful. Per Peggy Sue, "we sent them scurrying!" The rising concern of the Coalition and their strong desire to not accept homophobic prejudice anymore is very real for as Everett Denman states, "While their looking at politics, we're looking at dead bodies". The consensus was that gays and lesbians and any person that deals with prejudices has got to stop remaining passive and to start fighting for their beliefs in freedom and the pursuit of happiness for all.

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funny phone calls, the bitchy times...I feel robbed."
* "it's supposed to hurt. the pain softens. the hole remains."
* A panel from airline employees: "Someone special in the air. In memory of our San Francisco flight attendants."
* "Michael- how can I be bitter, your life was a mess. To a fellow malcontent. The ever-elusive contentedness you sought...I continue to seek."
* "A part of me is with you in Waikiki. Mahalo, my friend, save me a dance. Mark."
* "Willy, you are loved."
* " Mike: you still owe me two years. But I forgive you and will always love you. I never located your parents. Maybe someone will see this and tell them."

I do not see Scott's name, and so I still do not know the answer to my questions about what happened to that sunny, talented boy from so many years ago. It is probably better that way. On my way out I see Stan Hadden, and express regret that I could only run into him in sad places like this. He looks at me with an elfin smile, and gives me a hug that works. "Oh, no, Stacy, don't say that. This is a Magic Place."
And it is.

POSTSCRIPT: Upon submittal of this article I recieved a phone message from Scott. He is fine and living in Venice, and stangely enough had run into our mutual friend who I had seen during the Quilt. I plan to visit him in few weeks.

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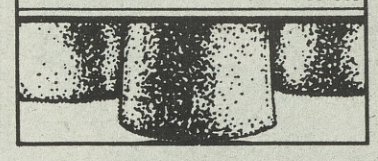

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HIV POSITIVE

Find Out Now, Denial is Dangerous

by **Neil Flynn M.D.**

If I were to show you reasonable proof that the majority of people with HIV infection are losing an average of 2 - 3 years of healthy normal life because the *government* was unwilling to facilitate access to, or pay for, effective treatments for HIV, you'd probably say something like: "So what's new?"

You'd be angry and frustrated, and rightly so. But that's not where I'm going to point the finger. ACT-UP is already doing a rip-roaring job of that. No, my finger is pointed directly at people who are infected with HIV and aren't taking advantage of proven, readily available preventive treatments that can keep them healthy for an additional 2 - 3 years with a little effort on their part. My finger is pointed at *you,* if you don't know your HIV status or don't get follow-up care if you are HIV positive.

Don't get me wrong. It's not an angry or accusing finger that I'm pointing. On the contrary, it is a sympathetic, loving, though frustrated finger.

The best estimates are the 20 - 30% of all gay and bisexual men in Sacramento are infected with HIV. That amounts, according to my calculations, to at least 3,000 - 4,000 infected men, most of them under the age of 40. Four hundred have already developed full-blown AIDS. Another 400 - 500 have experienced symptoms from HIV ranging from fatigue and night sweats to weight loss, oral thrush, or chronic diarrhea. That leaves 2,000 - 3,000 infected with no symptoms. Of those, perhaps 500 are being followed on a regular basis by an AIDS knowledgeable physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant and are in the postition to benefit from treatments and lifestyle changes currently available that will keep them healthy for an additional 2 - 3 years.

What about the remaining half, 1,500 - 2,500 men who are not taking advantage of these relatively non-toxic treatments that we've all been waiting and hoping for? Well, the majority of them don't even know they are infected with HIV. Why not? There are two reasons, both having to do with what psychologists call denial. The first reason is that these individuals, like all of us human-types, feel invulnerable - not at risk for HIV. Their arguments (and believe me, I've heard them all) run the gamut. For example, "I only have sex with men under 30", meaning they got the virus before they were 20 years old.) Or, "I'm always on top." (Meaning they can't get HIV from the guy on the bottom, which is a fatal fallacy). Or, try this one on for size (instead of a condom), "I always practice safe sex." (But have you *always* practiced safe sex *every single time since 1977,* and *never* had a single condom break or come off? If the answer is "yes", you are either an extreme rarity or you were too drunk or stoned or in too much denial to remember the time you had unsafe sex.) Each of these excuses is an example of denial - an unwillingness or inability to face the reality of the situation.

The second reason for not knowing one's HIV status is another aspect of denial. It goes something like this, "even if I am at risk because I've done some risky things, I'm not going to get tested." Asked why they feel this way, the response is usually one of the following: "I don't want to know because I don't think I could deal with it." If you don't deal with it now you will have to deal with it later *anyway* when it smacks you in the face with very little, or no warning, and you will have lost those 2 - 3 years of extra healthy life I've been talking about. Many of the people with HIV I see in practice first discover their HIV status when they become very ill. For the next 6 - 12 months or more they frantically try to deal with all that HIV means, while at the same time trying to survive. The vast majority of them express regrets to me and the other providers I work with that they didn't test earlier and get many of the issues out of the way before they became ill. I don't like to play "should have" with them, so all I can say, gently, is "but you didn't so you are going to have to make the best of it now." Once you get sick it may be too late to get full benefit from the available treatments.

Get Tested

It is amazing to me the positive changes that can happen in an HIV-infected person's life when the initial pain and depression of the positive test are overcome. The petty nuisances of everyday living become less important. The *really* important things in life - making the best of our relationships, putting one's life's work and meaning into perspective, experiencing the enjoyment that a single day can bring - begin to crowd out the less important things.

So at the same time as we point the finger so vocally and angrily at the government and straight society, hadn't we better point it also at ourselves until we all know our HIV status, get followed up if we are HIV positive, and support others who are HIV positive.

P.S. If this article has changed your mind about testing and convinced you to get tested, call me at CARES and leave a message. Make my day! (916) 443-3299.

Goodbye,

To all my friends, clients and colleagues. It is impossible for me to find the words to tell you how I feel - but I must try.

I thank you for your love and caring. You have given me so much and taught me many lessons. I will never forget. I will take your spirit with me on my move to Santa Fe.

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May

15 tuesday

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will meet at 7:30 p.m. for a showing and discussion of the videotape "On Being Gay". The group meets at the Christian Education Building, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento. For more information call (916) 444-9510.

"Baubles, Bangles and Beads", an exhibition of small works and jewelry by 22 artists at the Dito Gallery located at 1724 L Street. Hours are Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (916) 441-3486 for more information. May 15 - May 25

TUESDAYS

Heart to Heart, a gay/bisexual men's support group promoting personal growth and a healthier stronger community will meet from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the SAF training space located at 1900 K Street, upstairs. For more information call SAF at (916) 448-2437.

"Being Gay Today" repeat broadcast will be shown at 5 p.m. on Sacramento cable channel 47.

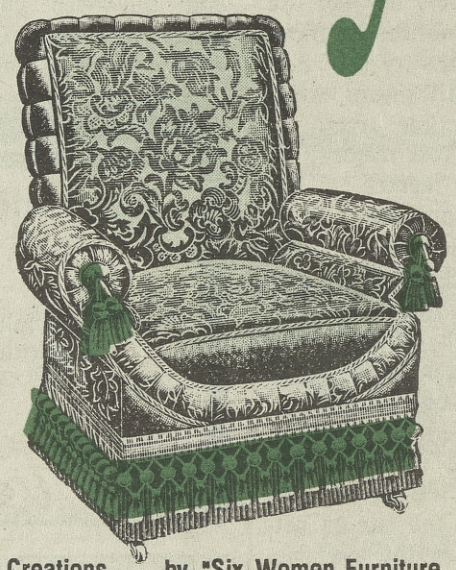
Singles Group hosted by River City Metropolitan Community Churchmeets in the church Social Hall located at 2741 34th Street at 7 p.m. For more information call (916) 454-4762.

16 wednesday

National Organization for Women (NOW). holds its meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. NOW's purpose is to bring women into the mainstream of society exercising all the rights and responsibilities thereof. Call (916) 443-3470 for more information.

HIV Negative Partners with HIV Positive Partners, a new support group meets at the Lambda Community Center, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Upstairs. Call Kevin at (916) 737-1088 for more information.

"Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid" will be performed at Theatre Rhinoceros located at 2926 16th Street in San Francisco. Tickets $8 -$15. For tickets and information call (415) 861-5079.



Creations by "Six Women Furniture Designers" will be in an exhibition in the Design Gallery located in Room 145 of Walker Hall at the University of California, Davis. The Design Gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information call (916) 752-6223. May 16 - June 3

17 thursday

"Going Home", a new comedy will be performed at The Show Below located at 2130 L Street. Tickets prices are $9 and $10. Call (916) 446-2787 for more information. May 17 - June 2

Jazz-ee Dance Company, California State University's, presents its annual Mainstage performance at the CSUS University Theatre. Performances will be at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on May 19. Tickets are $7 general and $5 for students and seniors. Call (916) 483-4017 for more information. May 17 - 19

Speculum Musicae, one of the longest-lived ensembles in the United States dedicated to the performance of contemporary music will appear at UC Davis Freeborn Hall at 8 p.m. Ticket range in price from $5 to $12. Call (916) 752-2523 for more information.

THURSDAYS

The "Being Alive Livingroom" for those living with HIV is open from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

18 friday

UFMCC Northwest District Conference will be held at the Beverly Garland Hotel. Worship services are free and open to everyone while registration for workshops, forums and business sessions is $30 per day. Call (916) 454-4762 for more information. May 18 - 20

The S.F. Giants vs. Montreal at Candlestick Park in S.F. Call (916) 923-BASS or (916) 648-TIXS. May 18 - 20

The UFMCC Northwest District Conference 1990 will be held at the Beverly Garland Hotel and will feature guest speakers from throughout the Metropolitan Community Church. Call (916) 454-4762.

The Sacramento Men's Chorus performs at the Carmichael Civic Theatre located at 5802 Robertson Avenue. Tickets $12 - $15. For more information call (916) 485-7960. May 18 - 20

FRIDAYS

Country and Western Dance Lessons at M.C.C. with instructor Chreryl Dwelle in the Social Hall from 7 to 11 p.m. For more information call (916) 454-4762.

19 saturday

Valley Knights 14th Anniversary Party. Motorcycle events begin at 11 a.m. with a party following at 1 p.m. with free food, beer and cake for those in attendance. Call 455-6540 for locations and information.

"Music By Joey" presents a dance for women by women! $5 cover charge. For more information call (916) 427-5713.

The Sacramento Gender Association for transvestites and transsexuals hosts their dinner/social hour at 8 p.m. at Joseph's Town and Country. The theme of the evening is "Flowers In Your Hair". For more information call (916) 441-8379 or write S.G.A., P.O. Box 417701, Sacramento, CA. 95841.

20 sunday

3rd Annual Festival of Flowers. A celebration of spring through color, fragrance and sound with Jazz music, art, food and floral exhibits. Festival will be held at Strauss Island in Elk Grove Park. Call (916) 366-2066 for more information.

Annual AIDS Candlelight March will begin at the Capitol steps at 8:30 p.m. An opportunity for our community to join the over 200 cities worldwide in support to people living with HIV and those who have died. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

7th Annual Art Walk. Tour 30 of Sacramento's fine art galleries. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call (916) 447-3630 for more information.

SUNDAYS

Pickin' Parties at the Party Palace located at 2601 Claybank Road in Fairfield. Bring your own instruments or just come and listen. $2 donation requested. For more information call (707) 422-6595.

Artists in Recovery, a community organization based upon the 12-step program meets from 4 - 6 p.m. Call (916) 923-5234 for location and more information.

21 monday

"Enhancing Your Self-Esteem", a Healthy Living workshop to explore feelings about yourself and how these feelings influence your decisions. The workshop is facilitated by Cecilia De Cuir, M.S. and will be held at the SAF training space, 1900 K Street, upstairs. Call Joe Chase at (916) 448-2437 for more information.

June

MONDAYS

"Being Gay Today" will be shown at 10 p.m. on Sacramento cable channel 47. One hour of lesbian and gay television from around the country and beyond.

24 thursday

David Bowie performs at the Cal Expo Amphitheatre - Sacramento. Call 9916) 923-BASS or (916) 648-TIXS.

25 friday

"Over Our Heads", the dynamic San Francisco Improv Group will perform at Joseph's Town and Country at 10 p.m. Call (916) 649-9248 for reservations and information.

The 12th California Men's Gathering will meet at Camp Swig. Join hundreds of other men exploring a more peaceful and loving inner self. Cost per participant is sliding scale and negotiable. Call (415) 330-5478 for more information.

17th Annual Dixieland Jazz Festival. 100 Jazz bands from all over the world play at the world's largest jazz festival in Old Town Sacramento. Call (916) 372-5277 for more information. May 25 - 28

28 monday

Memorial Day Beach Party at Faces, 2000 K Street. Party all day on a beach in the parking lot of Faces. For more information call 448-7798

30 wednesday

"Psychoneuroimmunology: A Strategy For Healing", a Healthy Living workshop will be facilitated by Ann Silvernail, R.N., L.C.S.W.. Explore the exciting world of research studying the link between the brain, immune system and physiological manifestation of the body-mind connection. Workshop will be held at the SAF office, 1900 K St., 2nd floor training space. Call Joe Chase at (916) 448-2437.

31 thursday

The 15th Annual Conference on Men and Masculinity will be held in Atlanta. The theme of the conference is "Ending Men's Violence - Pathways To A Gender-Just World". For more information call (404) 688-1376. May 31 - June 3

1 friday

"The Curse of the Werewolf - A Musical Howl" will be performed at S.F.'s Theatre on the Square. A hilarious gothic musical thriller. For more tickets and information call (415) 433-9500. June 1 - 13

Singer/Songwriter Judy Fjell with violinist-vocialist Crystal Reeves and other musicians celebrate the release of her fifth album "Livin' on Dreams" with a concert. The performance will be held at the Sierra 2 theatre located at 2791 24th Street at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8 in advance and may be purchased at Lioness Books. Call (916) 756-4012 for information.

65th Annual Crocker Kinglsey Exhibition features works from central and northern California submitted for competition. Showing at the Crocker Art Museum located at 3rd and O Streets. Call (916) 449-5423 for more information. June 1 - 8

2 saturday

CAP/PAC '90 Gala second anniversary dinner/dance fundraiser for the California Capital Political Action Committee. Mingle with leading politicians and keynote speaker Bella Abzug. The Sacramento Men and Women's Choruses will perform. Reservations are $75 each and the no-host reception will begin at 7 p.m. at the Sacramento Community Convention Center. Call (916) 456-3377.

6 wednesday

Taylor Dayne performs at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre. For more information call (916) 923-BASS or (916) 648-TIXS.

HEALTHWATCH: Your Body Systems and HIV with Gordon Huth, M.D. presented as a Healthy Living workshop by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Workshop will focus on medical problems frequently seen in people with HIV. SAF offices, 1900 K St, 2nd Floor. Call Joe Chase at (916) 448-2437 for more information.

9 saturday

Capital City Squares hosts a "Hoe Down" at William Land Park Elementary School. Classes/Dance will be 7 - 9 p.m. Call 447-2271 for more information.

"TIMES", PAARC's the third annual benefit performance will be held at the 24th Street Theatre located at 2791 24th Street. Hors D'oeuvres, beer / wine will be available after 6 p.m. with showtime at 7p.m. Tickets are $15. For more information call (916) 442-5801.

10 sunday

March for the Animals in Washington D.C. Thousand assemble on the state capitol to send a message, "we stand united to ensure justice for animals". For more information call the National March for the Animals at (703) 684-0688 or write P.O.2978, Washington, D.C. 20013-2978.

Gay Fathers holds their monthly social/potluck and rap session. For more information call (916) 456-DADS.

13 wednesday

Diana Ross performs at the Circle Star Center in San Carlos. Call (916) 923-BASS or (916) 648-TIXS for more information. June 13 - 17

15 friday

AIDS VIGIL 90' hosted by RCMCC Church emphasizes hope in the face of the epidemic. Calendar of events for the weekend include a candle lighting vigil, worship services, workshops, panel discussions, meditation services and an orignial play, "A Tribute To The Memory of You". Call (916) 454-4762 for more information. June 15 - 17

FRAMELINE PRESENTS
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14th S.F. International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival will be featured at the Castro Theatre. Premieres of recent lesbian/gay films from around the world. For more information call (916) 431-9227. June 15 - 23

16 saturday

The 1990 Lambda Freedom Fair weekend begins with a dance on Friday night, a Fun Run in the morning before the Freedom Fair held at McKinley Park. The theme of this years fair is "Looking to the Future". For more information call (916) 442-0185.

17 sunday

14th Annual NAACP's Folk Art and Music Festival will be held at McClatchy Park located at 5th Ave and 33rd Streets. Enjoy musical entertainment, folk art exhibits, food and arts. Call (916) 442-4308.

9th Annual Latin Festival
Variety of Latin entertainment, ethnic food and crafts will be celebrated at Southside Park at 6th and T streets. Call (916) 456-8366 for more information.

Father's Day

22 friday

Karen Ripley and Karen Williams team up for a hilarious evening of satire at Joseph's Town and Country. William's draws her repertoire on her experiences as an East Bay black lesbian single parent. Call (916) 649-9248 for reservations.

24 sunday

San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Parade. Call (415) 647-3733.

30 saturday

"PSSN Singles Pool Party" hosted by the Positive Social Support Newsletter. An exciting, wet party for HIV + singles and others looking for FUN and more! Potluck BBQ and nude water volleyball are planned. Call (916) 447-5925 for location and more information.

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MIND & BODY

Smoking: Why the Addiction?

by **Lynn McNeal D.C.**

Enough has been written, and researched and advertised about the hazards of smoking to fill entire wings of libraries.

There is nothing I can add in the way of perilous threats, anecdotes, or statistics to dissuade a smoker from lighting up. And that is not my purpose here. Instead, this month's column is devoted to those smokers themselves. Instead of smugly wagging one's finger in their direction, it would be more helpful to explain some of the reasons why the insidious drug nicotine has them in its grip. Armed with more knowledge, perhaps the smoker will understand more fully their helpless addiction that is not all that helpless!

Smoking is the state's leading preventable cause of death. Prevention, of course, means not doing it and reducing exposure to those who do. Non-smokers resentment of side-stream smoke has escalated over the years, and city ordinances have reflected this.

What is this vice-grip about nicotine? For starters, it is a toxic, colorless, fluid alkaloid obtained from tobacco but also can be produced synthetically. It is as an agricultural insecticide and as an anti-parasitic drug in veterinary medicine. It is also the most widely used legal stimulant drug. Although there are almost 100 identified compounds released from tobacco smoke, nicotine is the principle agent that causes pharmacologic dependence.

There are two sites in the body where nicotine does it's work - in the central nervous system (CNS) and at the junction, muscle fibers are fooled by nicotine into thinking it is a normal body chemical that causes the muscle to twitch. The difference is that nicotine does not tell the muscle when to stop. This results in muscle "firing" for several minutes or hours (causing mini-spasms). At high dosages, the muscle fiber gets "over-amped" and can not sustain any kind of twitch (thus, a form of muscular weakness occurs).

Quitting smoking is one of the toughest things a person can accomplish. The above information should help explain how nicotine - the great mimic-insidiously fools the body into acting "almost normal", causing an addictive chemically-induced euphoria. It occurs at the cellular level of your body.

About 20 to 30% of smokers quit successfully (5 years or more.) Although the mortality rate for people who stop smoking declines, even 15 years later it is higher than in people who never smoked. But that statistic should not be taken too seriously, given environmental toxins, etc. The withdrawal effects due to nicotine deprivation include anxiety, depression, insomnia, weight gain, and GI symptoms. But they are a temporary. Hypnosis, aversion therapy, counseling, and acupuncture have all proven helpful, as well as certain drugs. Certainly, cutting down on the amount of smoking lessens the health dangers for those who simply cannot quit.

WEEKEND

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exceptions who should be cited by the Hygiene Police, everyone is trying to look her best. Many are in couples, and the hardest trick of the weekend is to pinpoint the single ladies, since the atmosphere is so unceasingly decorative that even the very married are exchanging "hey, cutie" looks with total strangers. Women are blatantly doing head to toenail scans of everything with a pulse, and the estrogen level in the air is veering toward maximum overload. The whiff of opportunity is overwhelming, and we escape back to Ozzie and Harriet land for some Speedy Spaghetti, to fuel up.

Fife's is a human car wash when we get back, with everyone brushing against each other, in friendly, provacative ways. Billed as a Motown Dance, the playlist also include bad 70's disco. But everyone is smiling, exchanging stories on the couch and lip synching to the music. A highlight of the evening occurs when three friends spontaneously become the Supremes, and do "Stop In The Name of Love," complete with hand signals. Later, stragglers from the Woods where "Live Erotic Female Dancing" (as opposed to Dead Erotic Female Dancing?) is scheduled, inform us that it is too crowded to breathe over there - an ominous sign.

Meet Buffy, My Evil Twin.

Back at Fife's the next afternoon, we are strongly

Best wet T shirt, Laurie.

"encouraged" to enter the Wet T Shirt Contest, as there is only one contestant on the list. In response to my threats to enter, Kat signs me up. I assume I can always demur from participating later -- not realizing that Buffy, my evil twin, will take posession.

For several hours we enjoy the scenery, and mill around the crafts faire behind the grass. We are both wearing Blazing Redheads T shirts, and since the Redheads spend quite a while terrorizing the crowd with screeching sound checks before their performance, we take a little abuse. Others think we are with the band, and bestow celebrity status upon us.

Marga Gomez is a hit, and does a number of Cinco de Mayo jokes, while wearing a festive dress sombrero. ("I got this hat from Linda Ronstadt. She was asleep at the time.") The Blazing Redheads also get the crowd hyped, with their mixture of salsa, jazz and percussion-based fusion. Finally, it is time for the breast-a-

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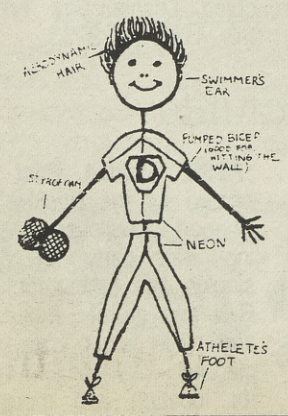

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NIGHT LIFE

Vannah Crowned Empress XVII

by **Kate Moore**

The event of the season for the court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire (GNIE) was full of camp, costumes and cocktails. The event of course, was Coronation.

The initial entrance of Empress Stacey and Emperor Paul was an elegant expression of the evenings theme, "A Trip Down the Nile, An Egyptian Fantasy." The monarchs were carried in by their attendants and placed on their royal thrones to oversee the nights events.

Vannah, was the only candidate running for the title of Empress (or Emperor) this year. As she was introduced to perform, all eyes were on her, watching as she gave her all for her performance.

Empress XVI Stacey.

Vannah is a variable newcomer to the Sacramento stage, and many people were surprised at her uncontested candidacy. She is best known for her fundraising efforts through "The Wheel of Fortune" in which she has raised money for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and other community organizations.

When all of the members of Sacramento's, court of El Senor and The Brilliant Diamond, took the stage, bets were being made by the out-of-towners that the stage would collapse.

The most exciting part of the evening was when Pat Montclair of San Francisco performed. No, it wasn't her performance, it was watching Empress Stacey smoke and sneer as Ms. Montclair strutted her stuff. (If looks could kill.)

Watching the expressions on the faces of Paul and Stacey, revealed what appeared to be their underlying feeling about stepping down. Paul, looked relieved, ecstatic, and happy. But as you looked at Stacey, you could sense an air of disappointment, a feeling of "is it over, already?"

Every time I hear the song Stacey performed that night, I think of her and how they re-played the song 5 times so she could say her final farewells as Empress.

And now it's time to find out who the new Emperor and Empress will be (ooops, just Empress), Stacey and Paul go off to the special place where Empresses await and out they appear with, could it be, what a surprise, Vannah!

Once, twice, thrice, we now christen you Empress XVII, Vannah! What will the future bring for Empress Vannah? Will there be an Emperor? A Pat Sajak maybe?

Once, twice, thrice, you are now ruling monarch of the reign of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire. Vannah, Empress XVII.

Faces "Bus From Hell"

It's an average Saturday night, you put on your dancing clothes, your your hair is just right, and it's time to party on the bus.

Imagine this, a bus loaded with wild Sacrametans, drinks in hand cruising down the freeway in search of a party.

If your favorite place to dance is Faces, you might think about jumping on the "Bus From Hell", every Saturday at 10 p.m. that takes you on the ride of your life to Faces Too in Stockton. The bus arrives around 11 p.m and you party until 1:30 a.m., then it's back on the bus and ride it home to Sacramento.

Faces Too in Stockton is a smaller version of our Sacramento Faces, and the bus load of Sacramentoites make it a seriously happening place.

You can host the "Bus from Hell", bring your friends and party up a storm compliments of the staff of Faces Sacramento. On May 19, Bernie will be hosting the bus and on May 26 Michael of Michael's Flowers will be your host and his theme for the night is "Whatever Happens."

The women of Sacramento have something to look forward to; coming soon is the Saturday "Ladies Night Bus from Hell", Faces Too filled entirely with women. Hostesses are needed for what I'm sure will be one of the most popular "Bus" trips of the summer.

Anyone interested in hosting the "Bus from Hell" may contact Terry or Bernie at (916) 448-7798.

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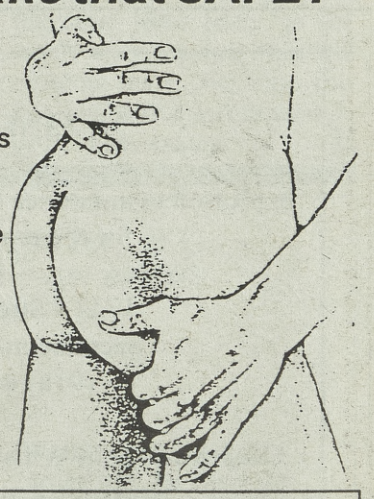

BUDDY CONNECTIONS are held at the SAF Training Space,1900 K St., upstairs.

Upcoming ***BUDDY CONNECTIONS***	Fri., May 18, 7-9 p.m. Mon., June 18, 7-9 p.m. Fri., July 27, 7-9 p.m.

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DEMOCRATS

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public backlash to the series of ads.

Feinstein capitalized on her opponent's stumble by airing an ad calling for a clean, positive campaign, but included a reference to tactics used by Richard Nixon, a not-so-subtle comparison.

As noted before, both Van De Kamp and Feinstein claim sterling records on issues directly related to gay and lesbian voters. Here are a few of the highlights from the rivals.

Dianne Feinstein

Dianne Feinstein, as the former mayor of San Francisco, may be the non-gay politician most closely associated with gay politics in the U.S. In the 1960's, while running for the County Board of Supervisors, she was the first person to openly seek support from the gay community. She received the highest number of votes, which made her Board President, and then she immediately hired her first openly gay staff member.

In 1981, she ordered the city's health director to investigate the "gay cancer," later to be named AIDS. Her campaign staffer, Ralph Payne, said that under her leadership, San Francisco has spent more money fighting the disease and helping persons with AIDS every year since 1981; has spent more money than all other cities combined; and more than the entire state government.

"We got every single dime we ever asked for, and more" from the Feinstein administration, Payne said. He also noted that while in the U.S. Conference of Mayors, she was named chairwoman of the AIDS Task Force.

Feinstein claims to be the only candidate in favor of AB-1, a statewide ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation or HIV status.

Concerning the testing of AIDS drugs using California guidelines as separate from federal FDA rules, Feinstein originally opposed passage of the legislation (it was not originally aimed at AIDS drugs, but as a boost to the pharmaceutical industry). She said that such testing could prejudice drug trials already under way, and would lead to a confusing patchwork of licensing procedures in each state.

Instead, Feinstein personally traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the head of the FDA, Frank Young, to "quietly prod" him to speed up testing. Payne said Feinstein has since "moderated" her position, and does favor some state-regulated drug testing.

Feinstein also supports initiatives promoting early intervention in the disease, expanded access to drug trials, anti-discrimination legislation; in short, says Payne, "nothing that's not consistent with current medical and scientific advice." He also points out that she opposed Proposition 96 in 1988, which would have permitted mandatory AIDS testing for anyone accused of biting or spitting at a policeman, a proposition promoted by John Van De Kamp.

> The race has produced surprises, not least of which is that it *is* a race.

As mayor of San Francisco, Feinstein appointed Harry Britt to replace the slain Harvey Milk. Britt was one of the people named by Milk to succeed him in case of his death, but the appointment was controversial because several of Milk's closest associates wanted her to name Anne Kronenberg, also on Milk's list. The eventual appointment of Britt was seen by many as a slight to the city's lesbian community.

Feinstein favors the death penalty. She also favors the building of the Peripheral Canal, though only for the purpose of "water quality."

John Van De Kamp

John Van De Kamp, California's Attorney General, finds himself in the unexpected number two position in the race to snag the Democratic nomination for governor.

In his most recent campaign ads, he stresses competence, having the people's interest at heart, and the environment.

He notes in his most recent position paper aimed at the gay and lesbian community that he authored the state's anti-hate crimes bill, and strongly favors equal rights in the areas of employment and housing.

Van De Kamp also points out that he authored AB 1952 several years ago. This bill allows for testing of drugs in California regardless of how they are being treated by the FDA at the federal level. He said recently that the bill should be applied to AIDS drugs to speed up the testing process.

The attorney general has won the support of many police officer's associations with his stand on gun control. He pushed legislation banning assault rifles in the state, and helped guide it through to passage.

On the issue of capital punishment, Van De Kamp has said he is personally opposed to the practice, but vowed to abide by the will of the people. To that end, his office prosecuted death penalty cases when he was a Los Angeles district attorney. He also gained wide media exposure recently by holding daily briefings on the circuitous legal path taken by lawyers for convicted murderer Robert Alton Harris. In spite of his own feelings on the matter, Van De Kamp has said he will continue to seek the death penalty for Harris.

Van De Kamp is pro-choice on the issue of abortion, and opposes an initiative supported by Republican candidate Pete Wilson because he says it contains language which would restrict abortion rights.

He also opposes off-shore oil drilling, and is supporting the initiative known as "Big Green" that would, among other things, reforest the state and control pesticides.

Early in the campaign, Van De Kamp called on other candidates to participate in a "positive" race. When polls showed him trailing Dianne Feinstein, however, many watchers were surprised to see his ads take on a biting tone. The *San Francisco Examiner*, quoted in the ads, even sued to have their name and logo removed.

The State Supreme Court upheld Van De Kamp's right to use the paper as a source, and the candidate himself defended the ads by saying that their subject, Feinstein's fiscal management, was a legitimate political issue.

Van De Kamp has been playing catch-up for the last several months. And even though he's been on the defensive about his negative ads, which he's abandoned for the time being, his campaign has been credited with creativity in addressing some of the issues, such as drug testing, and walking the tightrope of his personal views on the death penalty.

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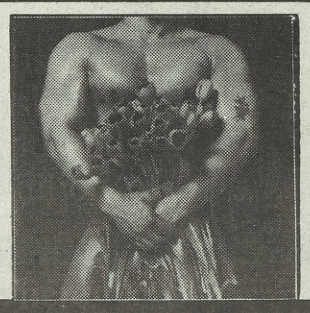

VITALS

Daniel Frazier

Memorial service was held April 28 at Metropolitan Community Church for Daniel Frazier. 38 year old native of Ohio, worked for many years at Equi-Tech Corporation. He was an electrician using his expertise at several local community establishments. He died April 9 at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in San Francisco after a 1 1/2 year battle with AIDS. Survived by his parents and dear friend, Dean Pembid and others. Donations to Hope House c/o the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

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RUMOR HAS IT

by **Dan Palomino**

"It was a dark and stormy night. The candle flickered light, casting threatening shadows against the cold grey walls as I fought exhaustion to write my novel. I then awoke from this nightmare as the phone rang beside my poolside chaise as yet another caller delivered the latest scoops..."

The preceding intro was provided by my good friend and aspiring writer **Betty Lou** as her first published work... Will it be her last or is this sister Harlequin Romance material? Stay tuned to the next thrilling installment of this saga.

Greetings to y'all as I tune in to report on this event-filled month. I've barely recovered from the less than flattering photo of moi emerging from the ladies room during the **SAF Bowlathon** last month. If my memory serves me, I had entered the bathroom in an attempt to flush out **Art Jackson** who was very distraught at bowling so many gutter balls. Anyway, **Art** has been the subject of a lot of press lately as an energetic spokesperson in the fight to restore County funds for AZT.

Participating in Human Rights issues is everyone's responsibility so get out there and join the worldwide **AIDS Vigil May 20th** at the Capitol, call the **Lambda Center** for more info.

While we move against ignorance, it's disturbing to see fanatics like **Doolittle and Leslie** spend our taxpayer's dollars to perpetuate their misguided views on what's supposed to constitute 'the family'. **Andy Melton** thinks these skinheads in business suits ought to take a reality pill or any other pill that will put them out of our misery. Remember, a fanatic is someone who redoubles their effort without redoubling their aim.

In contrast, **President Bush** (isn't he republican?) invited Lesbian and Gay leaders for the signing of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act recently. Gay bashing is one of many crimes covered. While on the subject of national news, a military appeals court overturned the conviction of naval officer **Barbara Baum** who was court martialled for being a lesbian. On the other hand, another Appeals Judge upheld the Army's right to throw out exemplary **Sgt. Miriam Beth Shalom**...The military giveth and taketh away.

A militant approach is what newly crowned **Empress Vanna** and her cohorts are up to, to make Sacramento realize their substantial contributions to charity fundraising. On **Coronation Eve** these brazen women, armed with hairspray terrorized the **Townhouse.**

Empress Vannah right after her crowning.

Holding hunky bartender **Larry** at spraypoint, **Large Marge** uttered: "Gimme a stiff drink or I'll give you a stiff 'do'". Relax ladies, or in the immortal words of **Bart Simpson,** "Don't have a cow, dudette".

Luck is what popular **Ralph Leon** needs to convince people he's celebrating his 25th B-Day (for the 12th consecutive year). Special B-Day wishes to latest ISSUE distributor **Sandy Nance** who enjoys rival **Hedda's** column. Remember **Sandy,** too much saccharine is bad for you. A hearty thanks to her and **Carrie Rose** for spreading the Good News across town.

A mass migration across town is expected as the **Men's Chorus** (yes those trollops with talent) embark on a 'musical tribute to our great country' for their SMC on Tour spring concert at the **Carmichael Civic Theatre.** DO NOT miss this hot show playing May 18 - 20 unless you want your name mentioned in my next column. One of the numbers featured is the Masochism Tango..."I ache for the touch of your lips dear, but much more for the touch of your whip dear...You can raise welts like nobody else-when you're dancing to the masochism tango". Pretty tame stuff, huh? I ran into a SMC Chorus contingent known as the **Shaboom Sisters** at **Faces** on a Friday night where I marveled at the phenomena of being surrounded by people dancing to the hottest dance tunes while maintaining a bored expression on their faces. Anyway, the **Shabooms, Veronica, Louise and Chiffon (Mike Tentis, Steve Watson, and Chris Smith)** were arguing over who was going to get **Janet Jackson** tickets with **Louise** threatening to sacrifice her virginity to snatch a pair. Apparently there is an Alternate, a **Laverne Shaboom, (Paul Jones)** useful for expanded family reunions. And at the last word, **Chiffon** was on the verge of a name change to Vera Vapors for her inability to stay up in steamy environments. Seems **Mizz Frankie Lawlahh** is managing a home for wayward girls instead of choir boys. Also, Happy B-Days to **Tom Dubay, Mike Tentis, Kelly B.** and to my soulmate and fellow writer **Mike Sestak.**

Doug Wylie hosted a fantabulous B-Day party for partner **Matt Lund** in their stunning Folsom home to toast his "over the hill" 30th B-Day. **Matt** seems perplexed wondering how he's already gone over the hill without knowing what it's like to be on top. Stay tuned for Dr. Ruth's response to his dilemma.

A potential dilemma could have occurred as the 'other columnist' **Hedda Hopper (John Batchelor)** arrived LATE to **Matt's** party. I need to reassure **Hedda** that it was probably just a crazy coincidence that people jumped out of the pool and left as he modeled the latest swimwear.

You can model your bathing apparel at **Joseph's** weekend pool hours complete with poolside bar service and a new dining Lanai with a menu designed to maintain your trim looks. Check out **JTC's** improvements elsewhere in this issue or better yet, stop by and see for yourself!

Some women who could have really used a nice cool dip, were the **Thrill Seekers,** April 21, the women hosted a **Motown Dance** that got the Clunie Clubhouse hopping and hot. "Another fun time courtesy of **Thrill Seekers."**

The women of Thrill Seekers and another fun party.

MCC celebrates their **District conference May 18 - 20** at the Beverly Garland Hotel featuring seminars such as Healing Racism, Spirituality, New Age, and AIDS Survivors, to name a few. Contrary to the thinking of some, they're not getting together to rewrite the Bible. **Janice Milligan** is marshalling a medical personnel pool and a Respite Room for conference attendees with AIDS. Best wishes for a successful conference.

A heartfelt congrats to **Rev. Freda Smith** and her partner **Kathleen** on their 15th year anniversary! A bank of flowers on the Sunday Service altar was a beautiful tribute to these two inspiring and dynamic role models.

Rumor has it that the CBC Trials Program for Sacramento may be in jeopardy. I hope our **CARES** unit can maintain their superb level of support by continuing to recognize their accountability to the people they serve and who look to them for leadership.

In more sobering news, the **AIDS Quilt** weekend was one of grief, catharsis and joy in the feeling of community. Seeing those panels become three-dimensional as they silently introduced you personally to their namesake brought out many raw emotions in response to the magnitude of this tragedy called AIDS. One of the most touching panels memorialized 29 year old **Peter Massman** as his mother **Clara** and her family lovingly put it together amidst a sea of other panels. Peter's sister, **Patty,** wrote a poem she felt conveyed Peter's words of comfort to his grieving family: "In the voice of angels we taste your tears--we hear your cries, we see how deep your sorrow runs--Weep not for us, oh calm your hearts for we are the chosen ones--We bless you now, we guide your steps, for soon we know you'll see--the God of Love, the One who gave the world eternity". Clara, like many others, you and your family have unselfishly reached out to comfort others, thus enabling you to touch many and shine your light further than you dreamed possible. Kudos to all the volunteers who made this event possible. Goodbye Frank Cantlon and all the other loved ones. In the words of one panel, "You will never be alone. For when you left, you took a part of us with you". **Love Danny.**

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REAPPORTIONMENT
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ethics provisions. The ethics laws proposed in Proposition 118 are vague, apply to only a limited sector of government officials and depend heavily on internal enforcement. We have already seen what happens when the Legislature polices itself. The FBI investigation and the conviction of Senator Joseph Montoya is indicative of that scheme.

The ethics in Proposition 118 are simply there to veil the poison pill--a two-thirds vote for all reapportionment plans. Most issues in the State Capitol can be divided along partisan lines. However, with a two-thirds vote requirement for reapportionment plans, rather than a simple majority, the issue becomes not party against party, but incumbent legislators against possible challengers. Proposition 118 will produce plans with a greater number of safe seats because only legislators whose re-elections are guaranteed are likely to vote yes.

Many have complained that the present system with it's lack of electoral competition produces more radical right-wing candidates. This is of great concern to the large population of gay Republicans, whose participation in their party is dependent upon the emergence of more moderate candidates. Proposition 118 will create an incumbency protection plan that will insulate even further those holding elected offices from public criticisms and the public's will.

> We have already seen what happens when the Legislature polices itself.

The real problem with reapportionment is the conflict of interest the Legislature has in redrawing electoral districts. How can we expect legislators to fairly and objectively balance their own personal interests against the public interest when their own political life is on the line? The only solution to this dilemma is to take reapportionment out of the hands of the Legislature and place it in an independent, bipartisan reapportionment commission.

The traditional Common Cause model for an independent reapportionment commission calls for a bipartisan body made up of experts in the field. The commission would hold hearings in various locations around the state, and then, taking into account the concerns identified during testimony, would draw up new state apportionment plans.

Although Proposition 119 claims to strip the Legislature of the power to reapportion the state, and give this authority to a so called independent reapportionment commission, the proposition had numerous structural flaws. First, the commission is selected much like a jury.

Second, this commission has no authority to draw reapportionment plans. Rather, it is a passive commission which simply selects plans from among those submitted to it, those which best meet a set of highly complex and rigid criteria. This criteria will go into the State Constitution where it will become fossilized - even more inappropriate for the moving and changing population of California.

Proponents of Proposition 119 claim that they are taking reapportionment out of the hands of the Legislature. But in fact, any individual may submit reapportionment plans for consideration by the commission. This may sound great; it may sound like this plan fosters citizen participation. But in reality, how many individuals have the expertise and resources to redistrict the state?

Where is the public in all of this? When do we get to voice our concerns and express our interests? It is not until after reapportionment plans have been fully drawn and submitted to the commission, that we get to testify.

The current system is by no means perfect, but these two proposals are structurally unsound, and consequently make for bad investments in California's future.

LIFE LOBBY
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of the Lobby and that she will provide us with considerable leadership skills and legislative advocacy skills, and that she's highly respected throughout the gay and lesbian community not only here in California but really around the nation.

The LIFE Lobby is a statewide lobbying group of over 70 affiliated gay, lesbian and AIDS organizations throughout California, focusing its lobbying efforts, both in the legislature and the administration, on AIDS, education, and hate crimes issues. McBride, who is co-chair of the San Francisco based Mobilization Against AIDS and political action chair of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, also served for two years as president of the Horizons Foundation.

"Obviously I'm absolutely thrilled," McBride said. "The search process, I thought, was very intense, very nerve wracking. There were several other excellent candidates."

McBride, who went to high school in Sacramento before moving to the Bay Area, said she plans to gradually relocate with her lover Donna Yutzy to the capital. "I do know Sacramento," she said, "and I plan to get a little utility apartment for the time being until we're through a probationary period, and then relocate."

But, like lots of other lesbians and gay men, she's gotten "spoiled" by San Francisco. "I mean, I was born to shop, and that means coming back to San Francisco regularly," McBride said. "What would I do without Headlines?"

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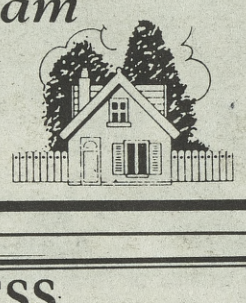

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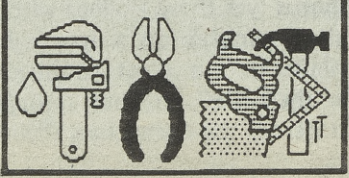

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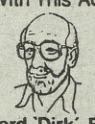

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Poolside at JTC's

by **Dan Palomino**

Joseph's Town and Country's PR/Events Coordinator, Geoffrey Cummings, always seems to be on a mission to find an outlet for his ideas to upgrade the social culture of our community.

And in the eight months since Joseph made a wise move in hiring this intense mile-a-minute man, Geoff has focused his sights on elevating JTC to a trendy entertainment complex for the 1990's crowd. Lately it appears he may have hit pay dirt as JTC celebrated the grand opening of Joseph's Lanai on May 12th on their upstairs floor. As part of Joseph's herculean goal to offer something for everyone, the Lanai is the latest addition in what is hoped to become a mecca offering relaxation or pulse-quickening excitement depending on your mood. According to Cummings, the Lanai is intended for a relaxed dining experience in a garden setting reminiscent of San Francisco's Patio Cafe. Although the transformation to garden oasis is far from complete, the ambiance is well on its way. Boasting large planter boxes cascading with plants and featuring 7 foot tree ferns throughout the dining space, the Lanai's drab interior has given way to bright colors, dramatic lighting, and artistic flourishes on the walls. Open for lunch and dinner, the menu features a greater assortment of health-conscious entrees. The Lanai's perimeter, overlooking the pool, is enclosed in wood lattice work, which can easily afford discreet viewing of poolside activities. A dazzling array of tropical drinks and juices will be promoted in keeping with the theme, and as the large sparkling outdoor pool has been incorporated into the complex, poolside bar service will be available after 10:00 am on weekends. Soon to be surrounded by reed fencing for additional privacy, the pool will become the perfect wet and playful antidote to Sacramento's long hot summers.

While JTC has always touted itself as offering something for everyone, it hasn't been until recently that Joseph's has taken significant steps to counter the perhaps misbegotten image of a lackluster, behind-the-times watering hole - although Geoff Cummings does admit that some less than desirable clientele may have frequented the place on occasion. "But that is pretty much in the past" he emphasizes. Becoming animated at the opportunity to educate his audience he adds, "Depending on who you spoke to, this was strictly a drag bar, a women's bar, or a leather bar...not so, because JTC strives to reach out to everyone". In a well organized bid to attract a wider clientele, JTC, under Cummings direction, continues to revamp its image.

Plans are in the works for a dining room facelift to give it a more contemporary yet intimate atmosphere in which to serve the wildly successful $3.00 brunches and 2-for-1 Tuesday dinners. For those who feel laughter is the best medicine, the month of May unveiled the JTC Comedy Club. Promising more laughter for your buck, the club has seen Marga Gomez and Tom Ammiano perform before appreciative audiences while the female act, Over our Heads is slated for May 25th. Joseph, Geoffrey and the JTC staff envision a place where good friends can meet for drinks, enjoy a well-prepared meal, and catch a show upstairs. "We're looking for people who are sophisticated and bored with being surrounded by attitude and getting drunk as the only means of having a good time".

If it is true that in the 90's our community is going to demand a greater diversity in entertainment, it looks like Joseph's Town and Country aka (JTC) is poised to fill that need. ⚡

Train Ride to Mystery

Masatosi Nagase in "Mystery Train", a film by Orion.

The "Mystery Train" is: a) a song recorded by Elvis Presley; b) a long, tedious journey that leads nowhere; or c) all of the above? Writer/director Jim Jarmusch seems to have lost the originality first displayed in "Stranger Than Paradise" and "Down by Law" in this only occasionally amusing new comedy.

A pair of Japanese lovers (Masatoshi Nagase and Youki Kudoh) argue constantly as they tour Memphis. He wants to see Sun Records where his beloved Carl Perkins recorded. She wants to go to Graceland to see the home of the King, Elvis. It is Memphis and Elvis is everywhere. They walk and argue until they come to a rundown old hotel, the Arcade. They argue, make love, argue, and fall asleep to Elvis crooning "Blue Moon." The following morning as they prepare to leave they argue, hear a gunshot and argue. She's perky, he's cook but neither is really very interesting.

That same afternoon, an Italian widow (Nicoletta Braschi) is stuck in Memphis waiting for a connecting flight back to Rome so she can return home with her husband's remains. She spends the afternoon walking over a similar route taken by the lovers. After stopping for a cup of coffee, she is accosted by two men. Spying the old hotel, she seeks it as a safe refuge.

Entering the lobby she bumps, literally, into DeeDee (Elizabeth Bracco). DeeDee doesn't have enough money for a room of her own so the young widow offers to share hers. DeeDee is a talker and regales the widow with the story of how she left her English boyfriend that morning even though she still loves him. As the women start to fall asleep, Elvis croons "Blue Moon" on the radio. The next morning as they prepare to leave, a gunshot is heard and it is obvious the two tales have happened simultaneously. Interesting? Not really.

The final segment ties the storylines together (i.e. the gunshot) and concerns DeeDee's English boyfriend, her barber brother, and the boyfriend's friend who also happens to end up at the Arcade. Interesting? No. ⚡⚡

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by **Betty Winz**

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Each race track is set up differently and the race card varies from day to day at each track. For the purpose of this article, a Saturday afternoon at Golden Gate Fields in Emeryville will be explored.

The day's race card features ten different races. On each race you can bet two dollars

The trumpeter sounds the call.

or more on a particular horse to win, place (come in second) or show (come in third). The race will be between 6 furlongs (3/4 of a mile) and 1 1/8 miles. The field, number of horses, will range from five to twelve. The criteria for each race is based on the horses age, gender, past performance or a combination of these elements.

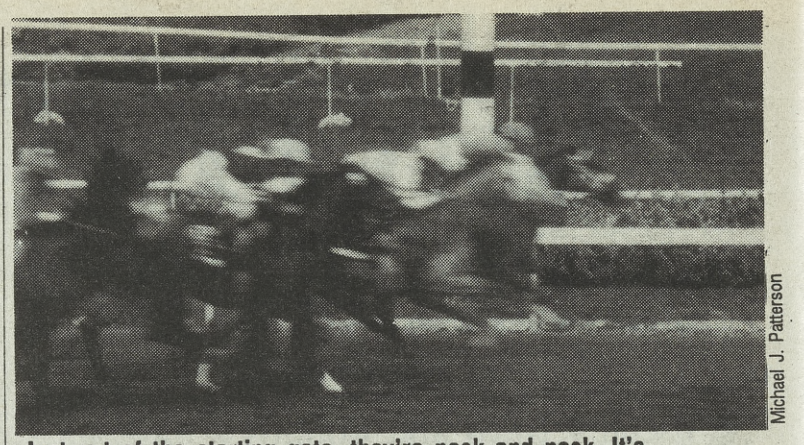
The odds for any horse to win a particular race begins with what is call the Morning Line. Expert handicappers decide which horses are most likely to win.

With twenty minutes until post time, the start of each race, the trumpeter blows his horn and the betting begins. Based on the thousands of bets placed each minute before the race, the odds begin changing. Everything computerized and the change in

Peeing like a racehorse must be caused by *something.*

betting patterns are reflected on the tote board. On this sign you can see the morning odds and current odds of each horse in the race, the track conditions, amount of time before the race, any jockey changes, and other important information.

With ten minutes until post time another trumpet is sounded and the horses for the next race parade in numerical order past the stand for reviewing. You can watch for, or pretend to watch for, good muscle tone, healthy coat, or amphetamine overdose, illegal, but "peeing" like a race horse must be caused by something.



Michael J. Patterson

Just out of the starting gate, they're neck and neck. It's anybodys race at the 1/16 of a mile mark.

Michael J. Patterson

Jockey Roberto Gonzalez is congratulated.

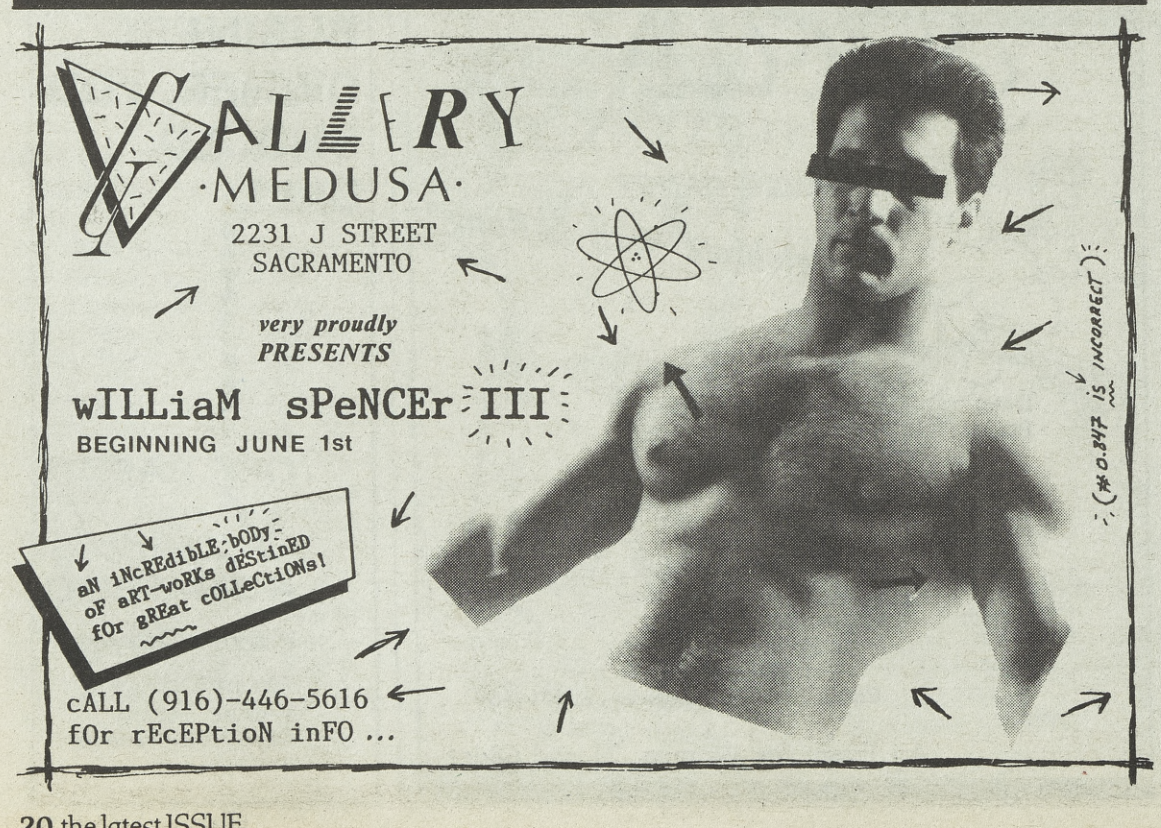
Also some horses are very high-strung and could bolt or throw the rider.

And finally post time. The horses and riders are in the gate and in a split second the doors are opened and the horses tear out. They try to get on the inside of the track as its a shorter distance to travel. However, the jockeys have to be careful not to bump another horse as they move toward the rail.

The entire race takes about a minute. You barely have time to stand up and locate your horse or horses, since each numbered horse wears the same colored blanket.

So that's enough of the basics. If you've ever been interested in attending the races, this should be more than enough to get you by. Even if you're not a big gambler, its fun just to be outside near the bay watching the people and the horses, or you can pay extra to sit in the stadium club for the hospitality service and freedom from low-lifes.

If you still can't find a reason to go, this one is bound to make the difference. It's one of the last guilt-free littering venues around. Nothing is thrown away -- everything can be thrown on the ground without remorse. Golden Gate Fields is open Wednesday thru Sunday through June 24. Post time for the first race is 12:30 p.m. daily, The track is located off Interstate 80 near Albany in the East Bay.



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WEEKEND

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rama. At this point, Buffy reenters my life.

Apparently, the folks at the door found lots of volunteers, because there are approximately 25 to 30 women who are hanging around waiting to be hosed down and displayed. I am the second contestant, and the minute I get on stage, near a microphone, my years of doing Bad Theatre (Shakespeare with kazoos, among other classics) come back. I banter with Marga about my fruitless search for blondes and my one experience with a Wet T Shirt contest (against Norm Frohwein, at a Rainbow festival...another bad Buffy day.) She is expecting me to play the "straight woman" part and is a tad peeved because I was getting positive response from my jokes. During later heats, she warns me gleefully about how fun electrocution with a microphone can be. I sense some hostility.

Due to lots of uninhibited wiggling and by appealing to all the Sacramento folks to cheer and applaud, I make the semi-finals. While waiting, one of the other semi-finalists, another Sacramentoan named Laurie was hosed down, and I shiver in the remaining shafts of sunlight. Laurie truly has a spectacular body, but is somewhat low-key and embarrassed when asked about it. She shrugs, "I don't think about it, much", she hesitates, "it was just a lucky gift."

Five of us are left in the boob-a-thon, and the aqua sadist with the rubber hose soaks us all again and pushes us back on the stage. The band begins to do strip tease music and we are expected to wiggle and perform. Buffy has completely usurped my control and when T.T., a large woman with Hindenberg knockers begins to bounce her chest against mine, I play along, and soon we look like we are doing a lesbian tractor pull with our bodies. T.T. then flashes her Hindenbergs at the crowd. Not to be outdone, I follow her lead. It is a crowd pleaser, but it is a Buffy-move I learn to regret. Laurie from Sacramento wins the contest, and a free weekend in Guerneville. T.T. is first runner up, and wins a dinner. I am fourth runner up, and Marga viciously informs the crowd that my parting gift is a matchbook. I leave the stage, thinking that it's all over and I go return to normalcy.

Confessions of a Lesbian Queen

The remainder of the weekend I am haunted by my "performance" but enjoy some of the attention. The responses range from the subtle yells, "Show us your tits," on the shuttle bus trips to knowing glances and sincere discussions of the thrills of participatory journalism. Finding fun dance partners has never been easier, and helps to eliminate my usual shy anguish at the scary thought of approaching attractive women. I learn to do the Lambada and the Vogue, and when pretty women cruise me, I do not immediately turn around to see who they are looking at behind me. It is somewhat of a revelation that my twin Buffy has wrought. My favorite response occurs Sunday night in a bathroom at the Woods, when after leaning over to backcomb my curls, I straighten up to the amused gaze of two laughing women.

"We remember those," one says softly, "we don't remember your face, but we remember those. Thanks for being fun to watch."

There must be an easier way to get applause.

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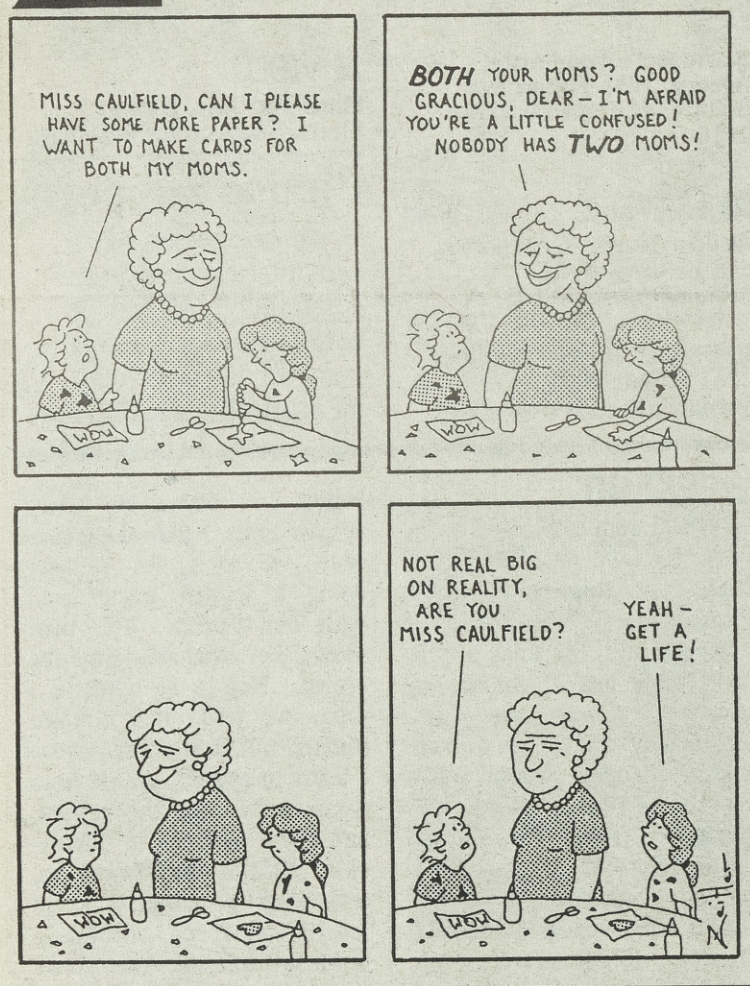
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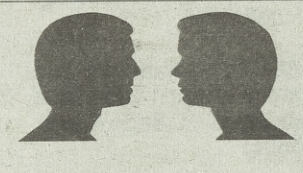

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At the fair there will be live stage entertainment throughout the day, as well as many booths, fundraisers such as bake sales for non-profit organizations, and local businesses within the community. There will also be an art show all day.

On Sunday, June 17th, there will be a "Beach Party" at Discovery Park with volleyball, horseshoes, archery, etc. beginning at 2 p.m. A picnic will not be provided. There will be no fee other than the standard park entry fee for the "Beach Party".

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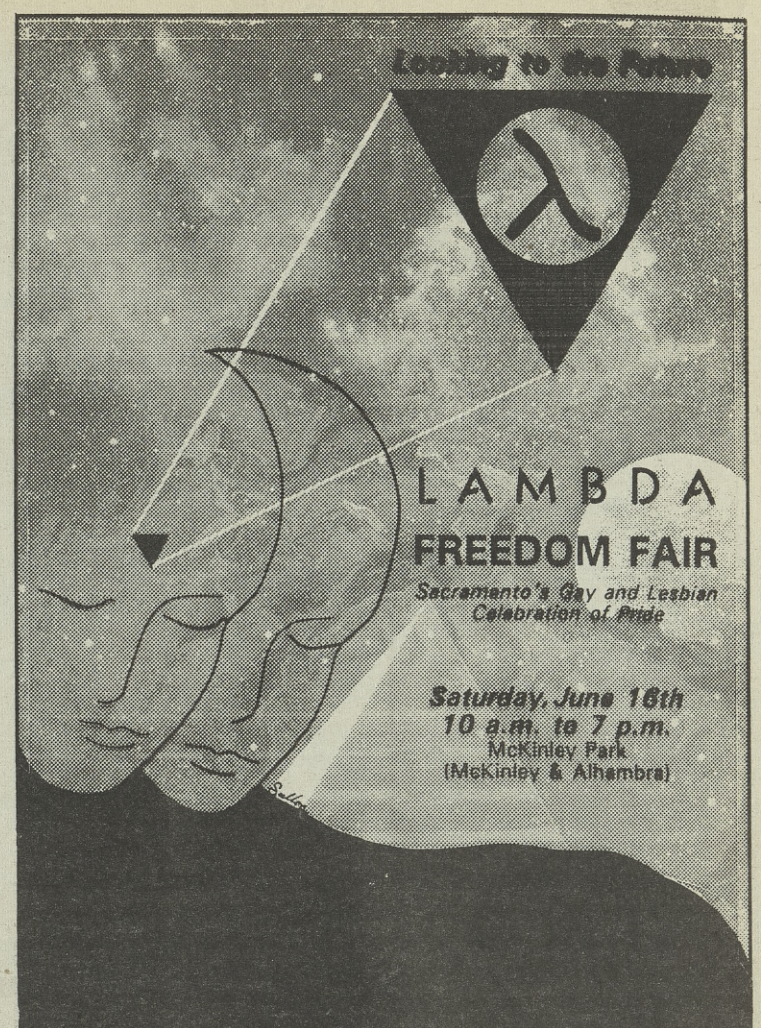

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VICTIM

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Vicki's aid and assumed defensive stances.

Vicki once again requested David and his companion leave the premises. He struck her again. She requested that someone call 911. David and his companion then retreated towards their vehicle which was parked in the driveway of the parking lot. At this point Vicki turned away from David. He then blind sided her in the right temple, knocking Vicki unconscious.

Vicki lay unconscious behind David's car. He knew this. Yet he chose to attempt backing out of the driveway. Only Sue Brigg's brandished flashlight at his rear window stopped him. Vicki was assisted from behind his car and David promptly sped away. The police arrived and a report was filed.

It was shortly after, that Detective Terry Brown took over the case. Everyone expects some red tape and some delay before action in a case like this. But few expect the kind of apathy, lack of cooperation, contradiction and denials that took place for Vicki.

Five and a half months after the incident, on October 6, 1989, Detective Brown sent his case to the District Attorney's Office. The DA's office sent the case back to him the same day instructing him to finish the job. He had never interviewed or even contacted any of the eye wtinesses to the assault. It seemed he hadn't done much of anything except file his own version of other people's incident reports and request a misdemeanor assault charge in the case.

It was Vicki who followed up on the license plate, got a name, got an address, followed that address to another address (Cleveland moved four days after the assault), verified him as her attacker, photo ID'd Cleveland for the police, and supplied them with her information. Few expect to or have the resources to do this kind of work, but Vicki had done all of this. Still faced with no change, no word, and no action from Detective Brown, Vicki finally resorted in going to Internal Investigations to complain about Brown's poor performance and refusal in accepting the incident as a gay bashing. She did this on January 2, 1990.

> He then blind sided her, knocking Vicki unconsious.

Although Detective Brown was exonerated by Internal Investigations, it was only after Vicki had gone to Internal Investigations that Detective Brown finally performed his civic duty and completed the investigation.

On March 1, 1990, David Cleveland was finally arrested on a felony assault charge. And finally 384 days after the assault David Cleveland pled no contest to the charge in court.

Perhaps a little late in coming, but needed and welcome none-the-less, Vicki is finally also receiving a little assistance. Kerry Martin of the Victim Witness Program, specifically handling hate crimes, is trying to get Vicki some counseling to help her recover from not only the bashing itself, but also the ordeal of pursuing it to an end.

Many of us would have given up. Many of us could not have finished. But all of us should say, "Thank you, Vicki".

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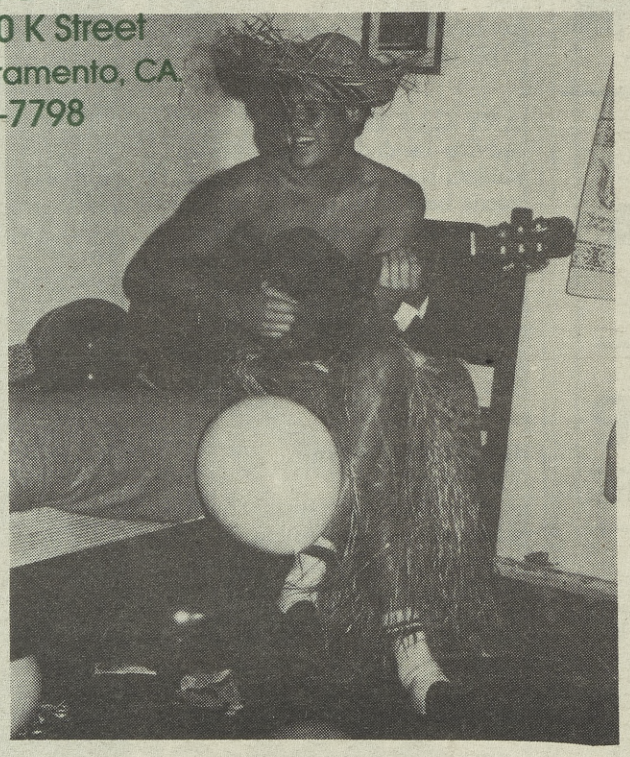

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